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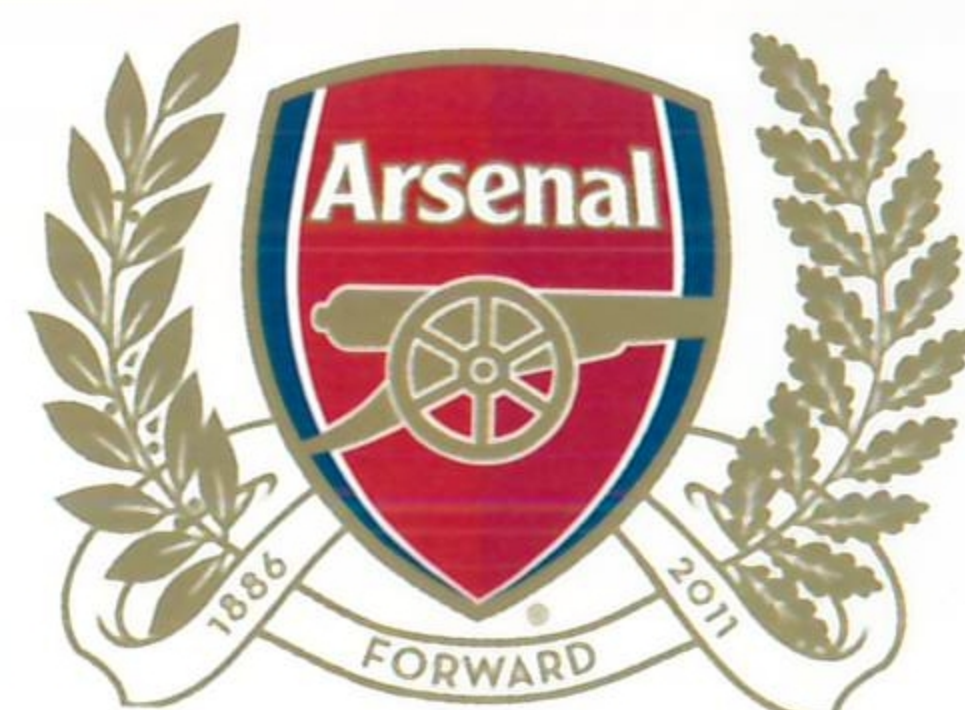
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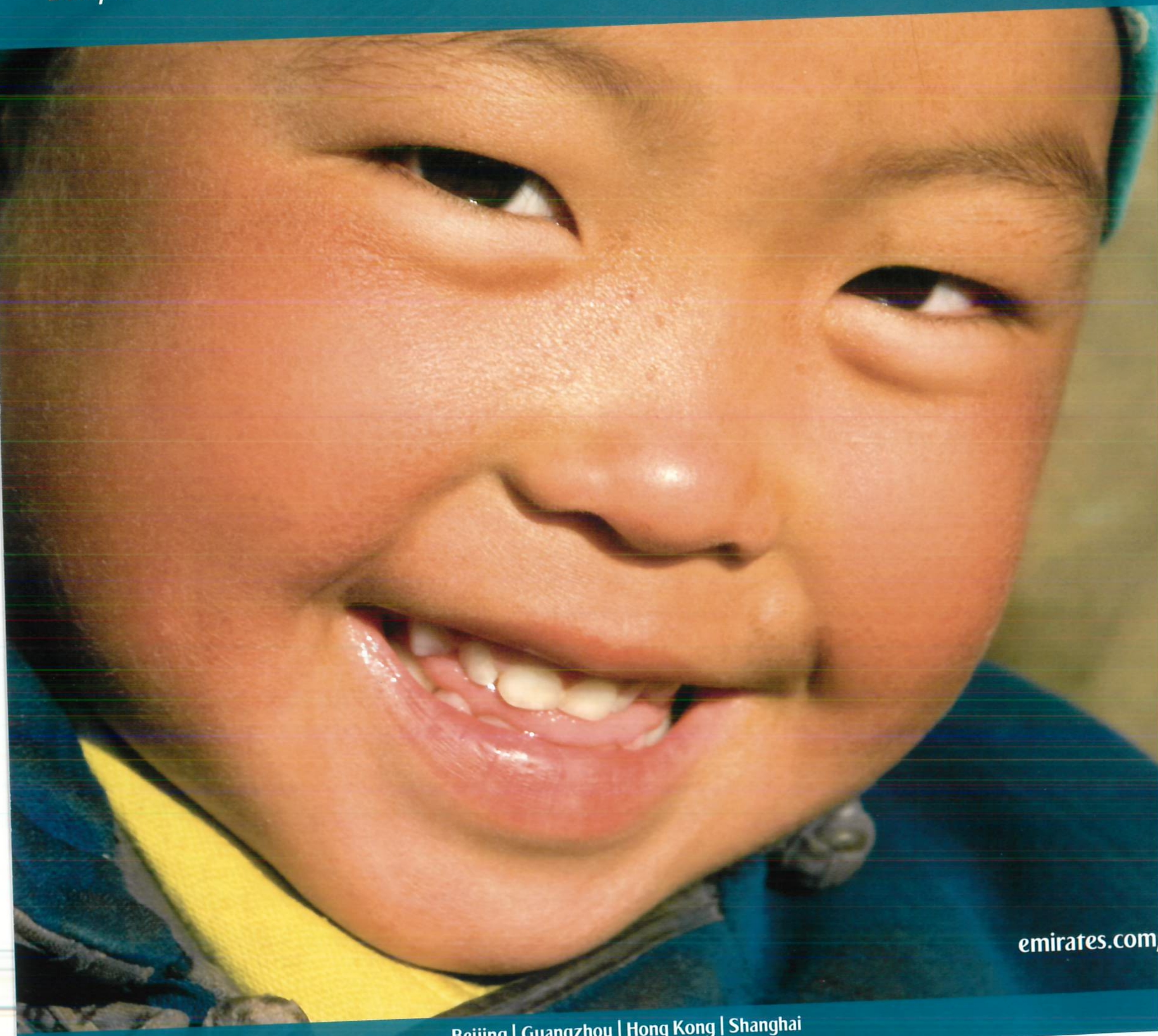




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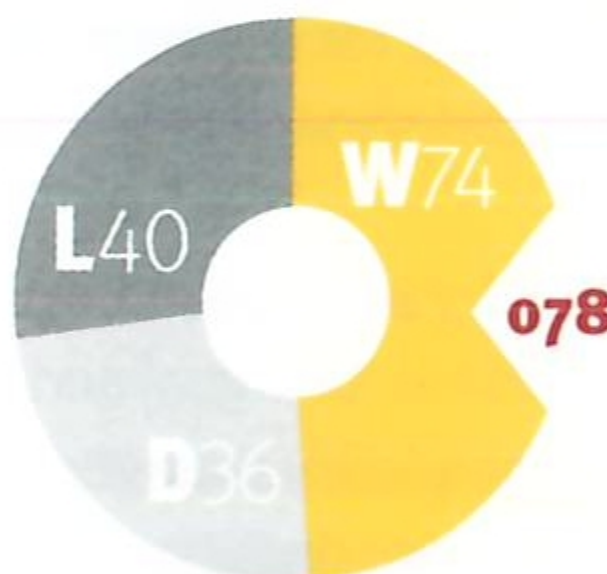
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League champions

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1998, 2002, 2004

FA Cup winners

1930, 1936, 1950, 1971, 1979
1993, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2005

League Cup winners

1987, 1993

Charity/Community Shield winners

1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1938
1948, 1953, 1991 (shared)
1998, 1999, 2002, 2004

European Fairs Cup winners

1970

European Cup Winners' Cup winners

1994

FA Youth Cup winners

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2000, 2001, 2009

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The Manager

Arsène WENGER



I WAS VERY PLEASED
WITH THE RESPONSE OF
OUR YOUNG PLAYERS
AGAINST SHREWSBURY
ON TUESDAY NIGHT



Especially as we had gone a goal down. All of them, especially in midfield, did well, and overall we always looked as if we were up for it, capable of playing at a good pace and showing the ability to be dangerous.

Don't forget that Shrewsbury are a good side. They had chances to add to their goal and, as I've said before, what's completely changed is that these teams from the lower divisions have real quality. We've seen again this week that the gap between the Premier League and the Football League has reduced tremendously,

He [Oxlade-Chamberlain] is a player that can absorb all the demands placed upon a modern midfielder

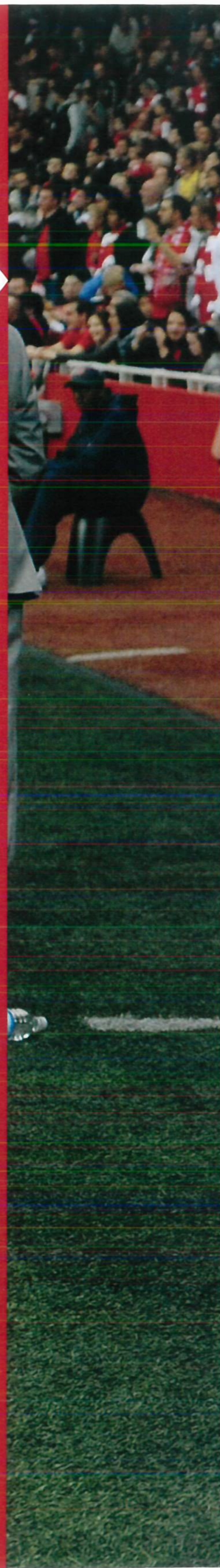
particularly in the physical aspect.

We saw Francis Coquelin play well alongside Emmanuel Frimpong – Francis is a good player who needs experience. He played in our difficult match at Old Trafford, of course, but let's not forget that when I took him off in that game the score was not so bad. I was happy with him on Tuesday.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain scored a very good goal, and we saw that he's a player that can absorb all the demands placed upon a modern midfielder. He has to improve his defensive work but you feel there is a lot in the locker there. Now it's down to how strong he is mentally – personally I think he has that strength, and accordingly a great future. That's why we paid so much money for him. I believe he has something special, and at a big club you want players with that quality.

Our fans were unbelievable, too. Even when we were losing 1-0 they were absolutely magnificent, and we feel so grateful to have these supporters. We want to please them and return to a much stronger position in the Premier League.

To do that, we must improve our defensive





concentration – although I do feel, having analysed the Blackburn game in detail, that there were a lot of positives last weekend too. Our concentration did drop in the second-half, and we have been doing defensive work every day in training. I believe we were quite solid a few days previously in Dortmund, but this was not the case against Blackburn. There is a physical factor as well – I watched some Spanish games on Wednesday night and the teams that had played Champions League football the previous week did not look to be firing on all cylinders.

We have to be aware that the modern game is a team sport, more than ever. Everybody has to defend completely – you don't get away with having seven or eight back and the rest watching. Last Saturday I believe we were a little unlucky and certainly a bit naive too – we must concede that. Basically, we started our season two weeks ago and now our recovery is down to the squad we have.

We'll bounce back by focusing on the way we want to play football, on the team attitude – that makes you feel stronger. I admire our squad's mental qualities and I think they will come out. Everything that we want to do will start with being determined and united, trusting each other and playing the football we want to play. We had 20 shots on goal at Blackburn, so let's continue to play our game and make things like this count.

Bolton won't make it easy for us to do that today. They are a good side, but then you know that any Premier League team will have quality. So let's not expect any weakness from them just because they've lost a few ➔



The Manager

Arsène WENGER



matches recently – let's play our game and have faith in what we do.

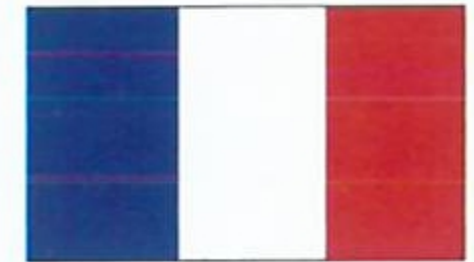
Injury-wise, I expect Bacary Sagna to be okay after the kick he received on his thigh last weekend – Aaron Ramsey should be in the squad too. Abou Diaby and Thomas Vermaelen are both a few weeks away – we look at the period after the next international break for their returns to action. Yossi Benayoun and Johan Djourou may miss the next week with thigh and hamstring problems respectively, while Sebastien Squillaci is also a week away from his return.

The values of the Club are open-minded and down to pure sporting qualities

At the time of writing, Jack Wilshere is having a further assessment of his injury and by the time you read these notes we may well have been able to tell you the latest on him.

Many things make me proud of this football club, but something new came to my attention this week – we have now fielded players of 49 different nationalities. I believe Arsenal has become, through these players, a worldwide club that is admired everywhere. The values of the Club are open-minded and down to pure sporting qualities. We can be very proud of that – it's highly important in the modern world that football can be ahead of society and contribute to a better world tomorrow, so long may this progress continue.

We have two big home games coming up now, so let's do all that we can to win them. Again, thank you for your superb support recently. I always feel that if the vibes coming from the team are right our crowd will respond – so we'll focus on ourselves and give everything to give you a performance to be happy about. Enjoy the game today.■



BORN

Strasbourg, France,
October 22, 1949

CLUBS AS A PLAYER

Mutzig, Mulhouse,
Strasbourg

CLUBS AS A

MANAGER/COACH

Strasbourg (Youth),
Cannes (Assistant),
Nancy, AS Monaco,
Grampus Eight Nagoya

JOINED ARSENAL

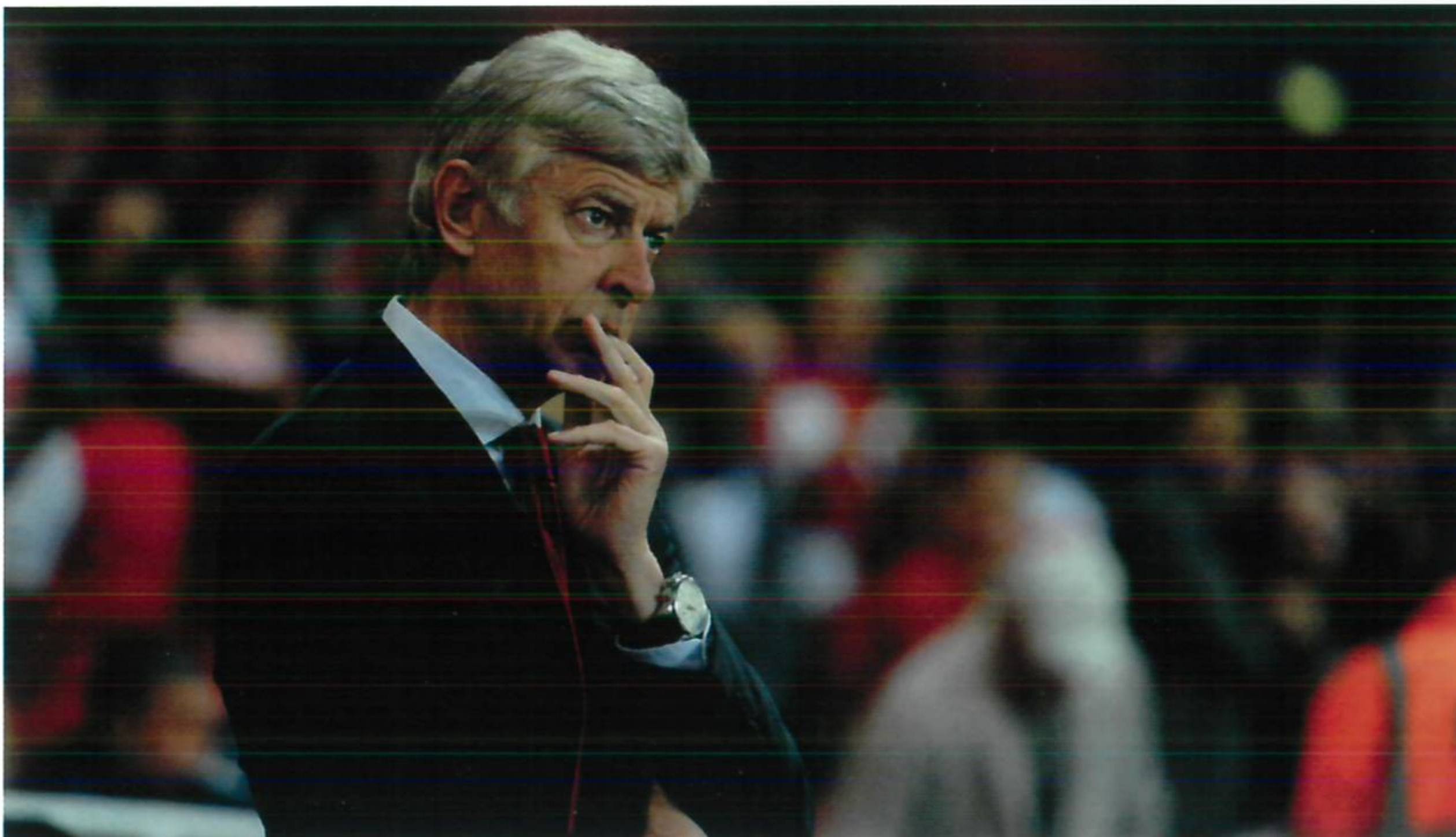
October 1, 1996

FIRST MATCH AS MANAGER

v Blackburn R (a) league,
Oct 12, 1996 (won 2-0)

HONOURS AS A COACH

(With Monaco) French
League Title 1988; French
Cup 1991; 'Manager Of
The Year' 1988 (With
Grampus); Emperor's Cup
1996; Japanese Super
Cup 1996; Manager Of
The Year' 1995. (With
Arsenal): League Title
1998, 2002, 2004; FA
Cup 1998, 2002, 2003,
2005; Charity/Comm
Shield 1998, 1999, 2002,
2004; 'Manager Of The
Year'; 1998, 2002, 2004



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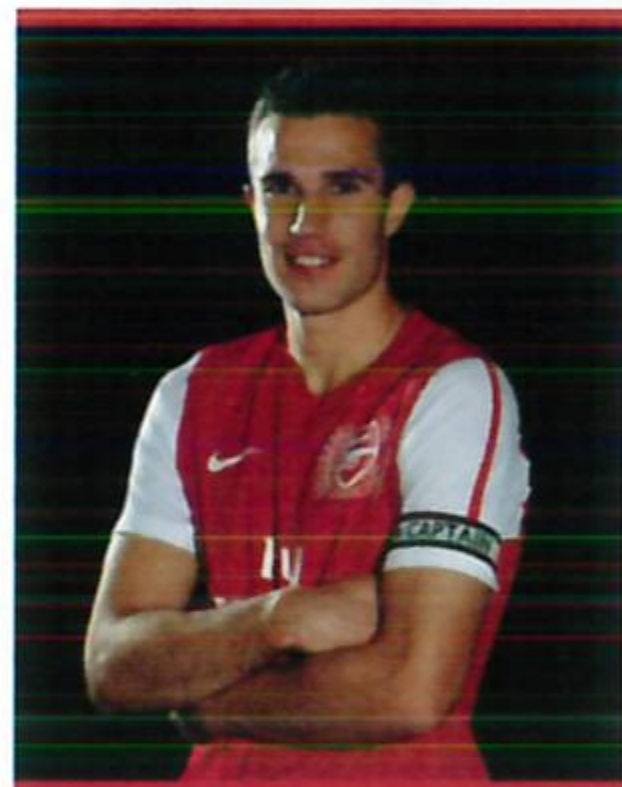
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The Captain

Robin VAN PERSIE



IN THE END IT WAS
A GREAT EVENING
ON TUESDAY IN THE
CARLING CUP



We started very well, had two good chances for Chamakh, and he was unlucky not to score. I was really willing them in, because I know that if you get a goal early on it makes it so much easier against that type of opposition. But they didn't go in, and then Shrewsbury Town scored. It was an amazing goal though – a really good cross and fantastic header, so you can't say much about that.

I was a bit worried at that time, but the good thing is the goal came early so we had time to come back. So I was worried but

We had a
really good
team dinner
on Wednesday
night

confident we would do it. Fitness-wise I knew we would be stronger, and you could see some of their players getting cramp in the second-half, so I thought it would end positively for us. As soon as we got the equaliser, the header from Gibbs, I think everyone thought it would be OK. So as I say, in the end it was a great night. Lots of young guys made their debuts and I think Chamberlain had a really good game, and Coquelin in midfield had a great game too. His passing was superb. He worked hard and his passing was just unbelievable – left foot and right foot – it was spot on. So he played really well, and it was also good for Park and Chamakh to get a full game. That's important because if you are not playing much in the league, you need these games to help you stay fit and sharp. I remember just what it was like in my first two years at the Club, those games in the Carling Cup were so important.

I was also really happy for Ozyakup, who came on to make his debut. He's Dutch as well so of course I was speaking to him about the game afterwards. About three minutes



after coming on he gave the assist for the goal so it was a dream for him. Before the game he was so excited to be involved – I know exactly how that feels when you are desperate to play at that age. The same for Ryo too. He only had 15 minutes or so, but I'm 100 per cent sure that when he gets a bit longer, you will see what he is capable of. I see him in training every day and he is a big talent.

After the game I met a few of the fans, because I took a taxi home and walked out of the stadium to meet it with Thomas Vermaelen. It was quite funny actually because there were loads of people there, but they didn't notice Thomas at first, who was a bit in front of me. There were lots of fans asking for my autograph, so I decided to shout out Thomas's name so that I could share the crowds out! Hopefully those fans were pleased, it makes a nice change from having a photo through a car window!

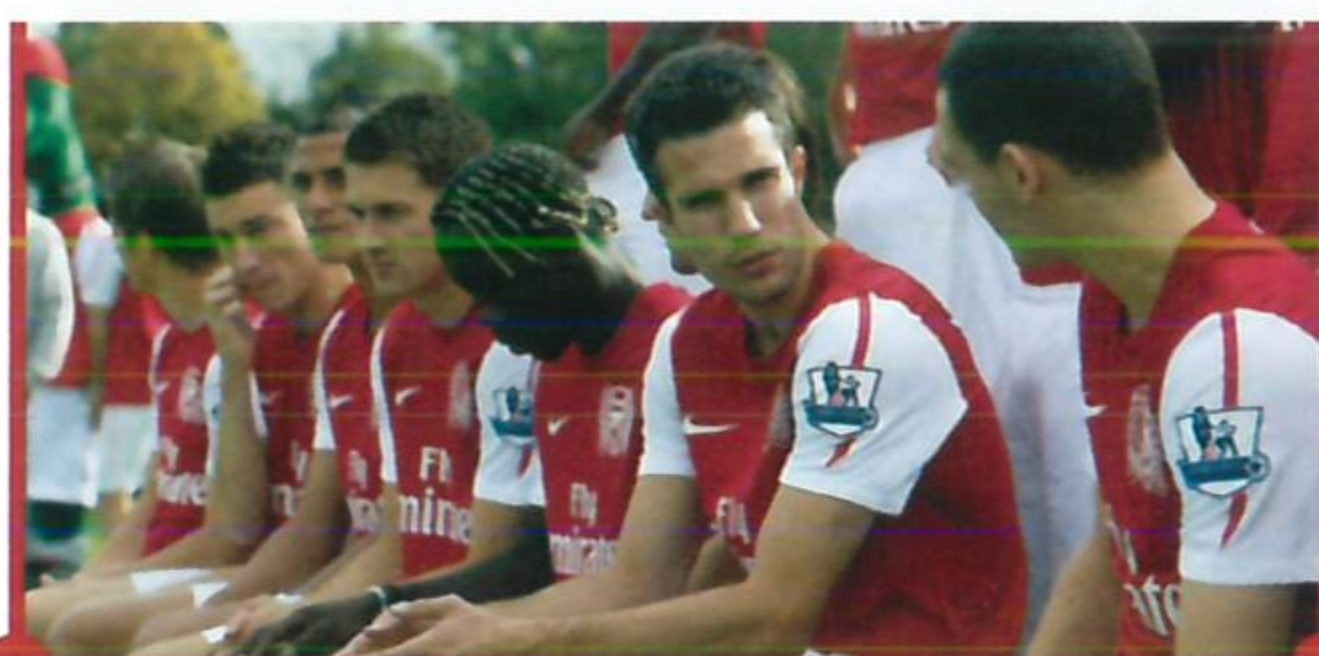
So that win on Tuesday was really important and helps us going into the Bolton game. We had a really good team dinner on Wednesday evening as well, and that's great for the team atmosphere too. Most guys were dancing and everyone enjoyed it. So all the fans should know that we are happy, and united together as a squad, confident, and really looking forward to this match. Everyone is remaining positive, and despite what happened against Blackburn, we are confident about today. We are open-minded about what has happened in the last couple of weeks, but we look forwards now.

We know we had a bad start, we all realise that, but we are still positive and that's the only way to change things. When you are ➡



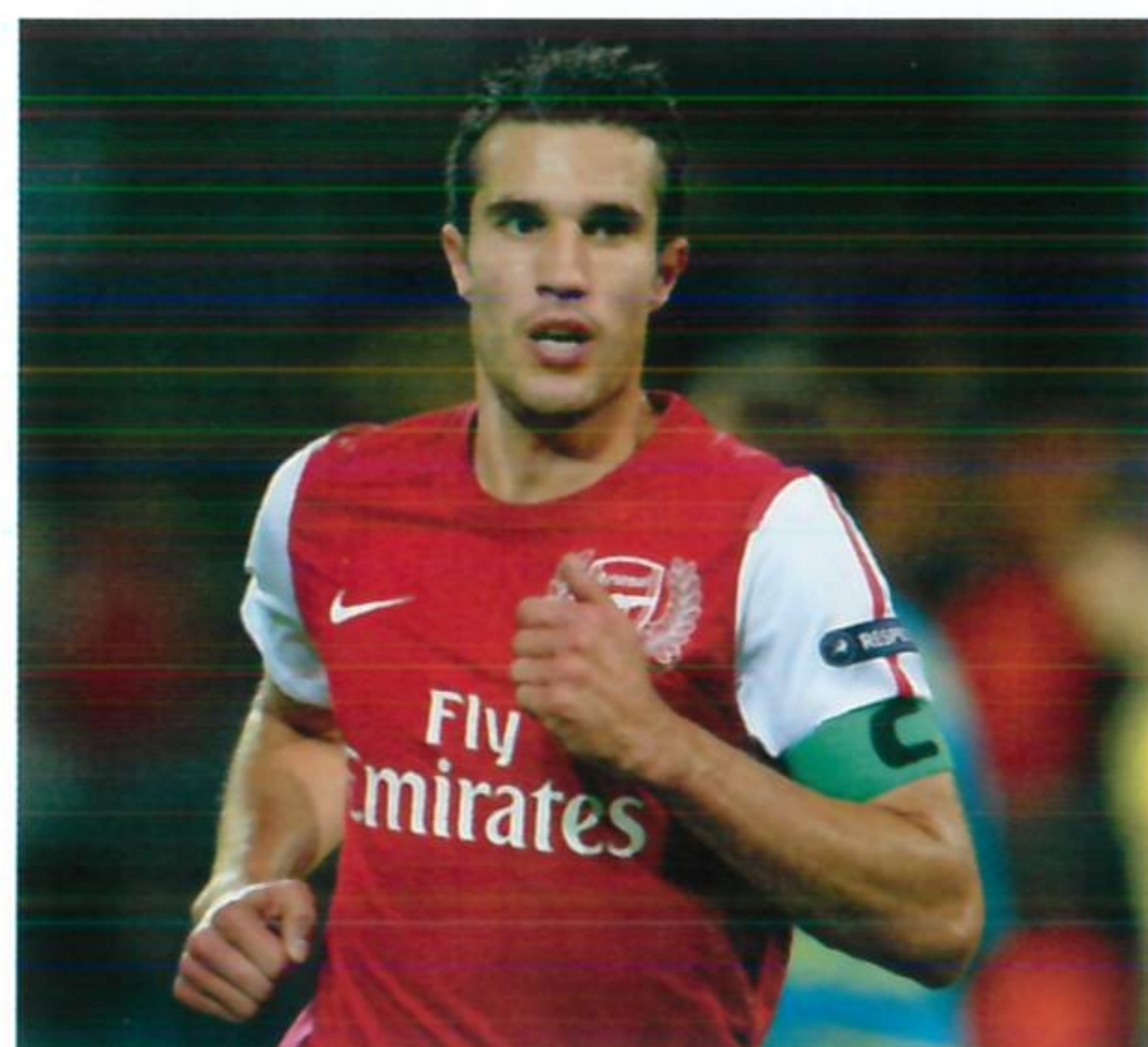
The Captain

Robin VAN PERSIE



negative, negative things happen. I have seen the boys every single day, and I don't see anyone sitting in the corner being moody. Nobody is like that, everyone realises where we are and wants to improve it. If any of the guys see anyone else who's low on confidence, then we will all help them out. We are a team and that's what we do. We want to do it on the pitch now, because there are no excuses – most guys are fit.

We want to play our own game today, attack how we did for the first-half against Blackburn. I've watched the whole Blackburn game again and there were certain periods of it where we could have finished them off. We had a couple of chances in the first-half to make it 3-1, and if you go in at half-time with a two-goal lead that makes a big difference – mentally as well for both teams. That didn't happen, but we were so close to being two goals ahead. Then we conceded that own goal, and 2-2 was harsh on us. Then there was a goal which was offside, followed by another own goal. So the crucial times of the game went against us. That's the way it went, but we could have also beaten them comfortably if certain things had been a little bit different. That's the positive thing, we all



feel we were close to having a really good game.

Hopefully we can do that today against Bolton. I know that Bolton are near the bottom too, everyone knows what each other is doing in the Premier League.

Bolton are a good side who have changed a lot in the last couple of years. They have gone for a new style since Owen Coyle has been there, and you can see that from the signings they have made too. He wants to play nice football, and they are still developing into a different side. They had an amazing run last year when Elmander was scoring all those goals, so it is within them. It's still early for them and I rate them as a

I don't see anyone sitting in the corner being moody

team. I respect them for the way they want to play, and I respect their players too. I'm a fan of Nigel Reo-Coker for example – he works hard and can do a bit of everything on the pitch.

So I like Bolton's style now, and we will have to be at our best to get a result.

As I have said in all of my captain's notes so far, our fans have been unbelievable this season, but I want to say it again today because it's true. We really appreciate your support and I know we can count on you again this afternoon.■



BORN

Rotterdam, Netherlands
August 6, 1983

PREVIOUS CLUB

Feyenoord

JOINED ARSENAL

from Feyenoord on
May 17, 2004

ARSENAL DEBUT

v Manchester United (n)
Community Shield,
August 8, 2004
(won 3-1)

FIRST ARSENAL GOAL

v Manchester City (a)
League Cup, October 27,
2004 (won 2-1)

ARSENAL HONOURS

Community Shield
Winner 2004, FA Cup
Winner's Medal 2005

NETHERLANDS CAPS

58 (25 goals)



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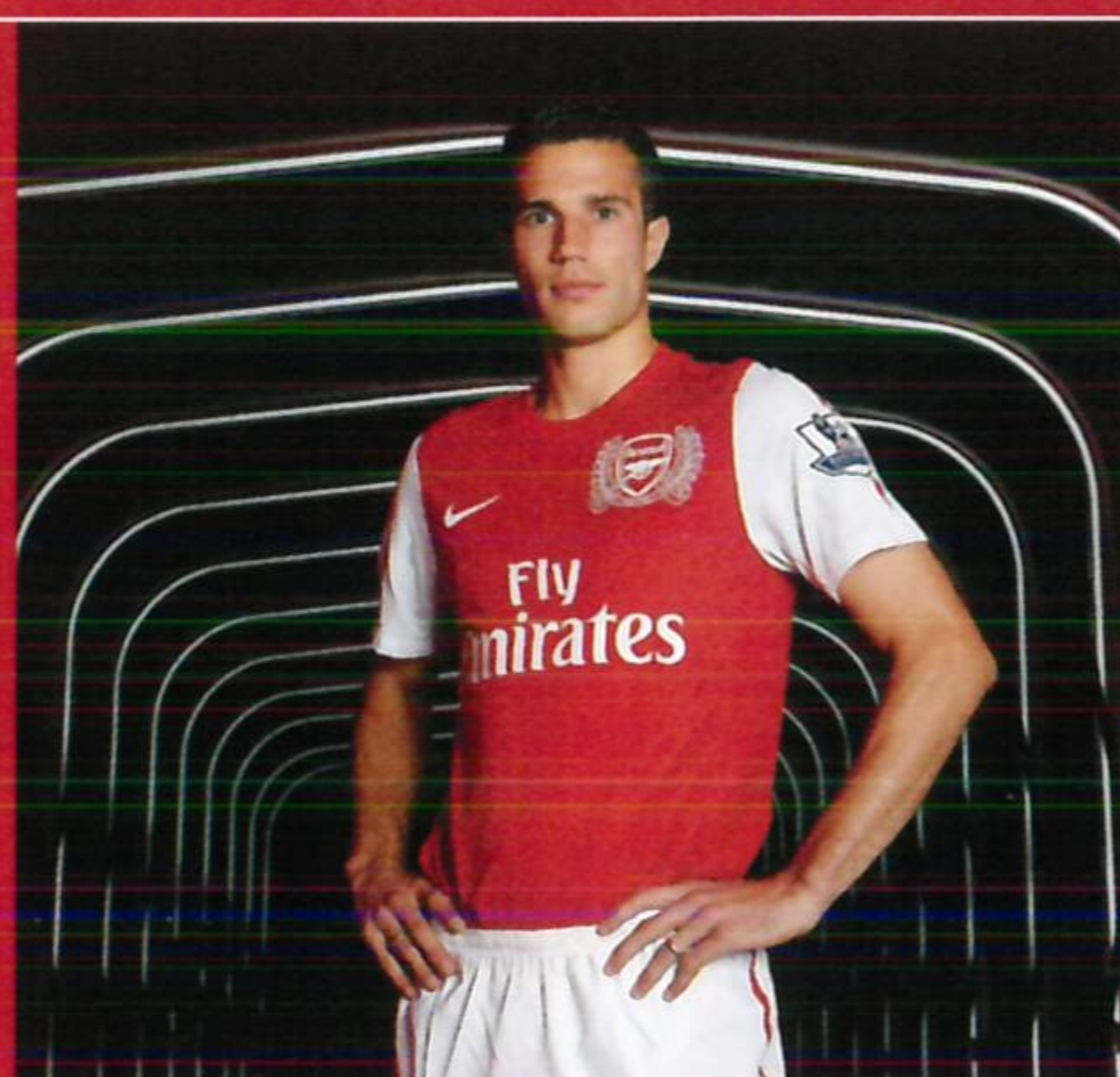
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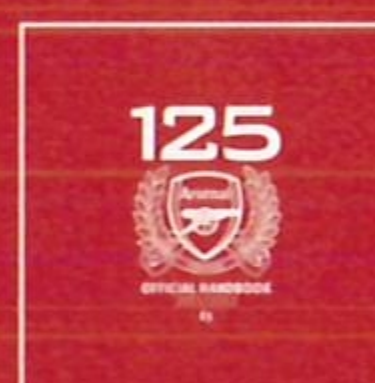


CARLING CUP DRAW
By the time you read this, we will know our opposition for the Carling Cup Fourth Round and this will be communicated on the Public Address system prior to the game and at half-time.

If you are one of those fans who likes to pick up your programme from sellers or the shops on the morning of a match – the draw is scheduled to take place around 12.30pm on Sky Sports Soccer Saturday.



The brand new Arsenal Handbook is out now – and it's bigger and better than ever! Always moving forward and expanding, this year we've added the Club's all-time consolidated record and players' career assists as just two of the new features. With 192 information-packed pages. It features appearance details for all first team players as well as pen pics of coaching staff, youth players and the Arsenal Ladies. The details of every league season and every cup game played by the Club are also included. It's available from programme sellers, club shops and via Mail Order at the price of just £5.



This afternoon it is Maria Spiers. Thanks for your tremendous support for the Club as an Arsenal Member Maria, a personalised Armoury Square stone is your reward! 🏰



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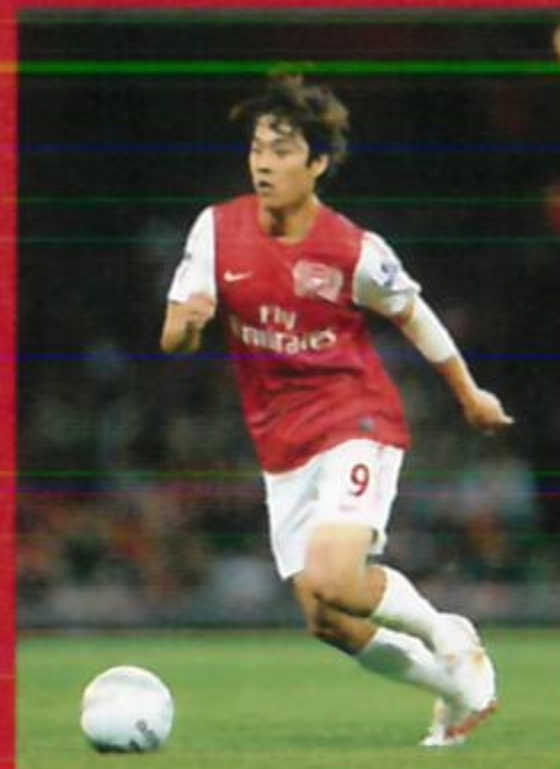


CUP JOY!

Following Tuesday's win, Arsenal are now unbeaten in 20 domestic cup games at Emirates Stadium

➤PARK BRINGS UP 49 NATIONS

When Ju Young Park made his Arsenal debut against Shrewsbury Town on Wednesday night, he became the first South Korean to play for the Gunners – bringing up 49 different nationalities (out of 207 FIFA-ranked countries) to have been represented in our colours. For a full break down of all the nationalities who have played for the Gunners, go to Arsenal.com's Behind the Numbers feature, written by the programme's Deputy Editor Josh James.■



HELP 'TEN FOR TEN'

'Ten For Ten' is a fundraising appeal to mark the ten years in Afghanistan. It wants to honour our Armed Forces, their families and children, by raising £1m between October 1 and October 10, 2011. The Duke of Cambridge is backing the project, saying: "As President of the FA and a serving



member of our Armed Forces, I am delighted to offer my support to the Ten for Ten Campaign and hope that sporting venues will agree to join me in this ten-day appeal." To donate £10, text TEN to 70300. Or to donate £3 text TFT to 70300



➤WOJCIECH IS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Our Polish stopper Wojciech Szczesny will be receiving the EA Arsenal.com Player of the Month presentation as he comes off the pitch from warming up today, having received over 40 per cent of the vote. One of the supporters that voted to acknowledge Wojciech's performances last month, Michael Playall, will be doing the honours of handing the trophy over – congratulations, Michael!■



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

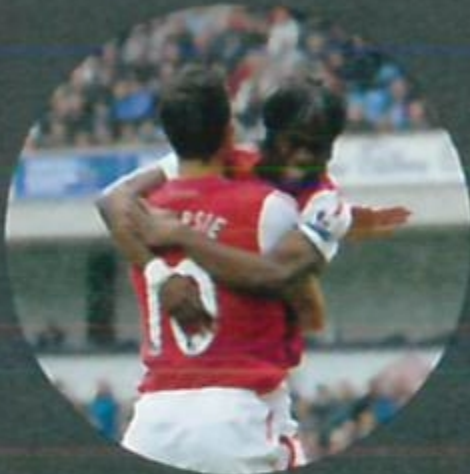
Everyone at Arsenal Football Club would like to wish all our Jewish supporters a very happy and healthy New Year

➤LADIES SEEK TREBLE

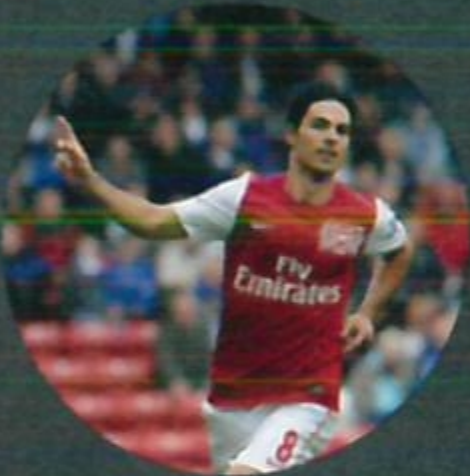
Don't forget that Arsenal Ladies are in action tomorrow as they look to seal a domestic 'treble' – contesting the Continental Cup Final against Birmingham City at Burton Albion FC's Pirelli Stadium. The match kicks off at 2.15pm and will be televised live on ESPN – check pages 28-29 for ticket details and a fuller preview of the big match.■



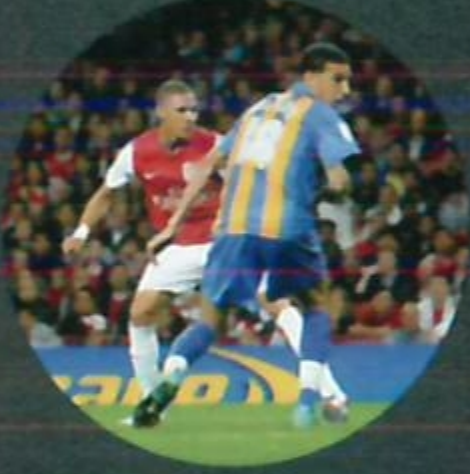
FIVE FIRST GOALSCORERS



Here’s a fact you might not have spotted – five of our last six goals



were scored by players notching their first-ever goals for Arsenal.



Gervinho, Mikel Arteta (both at Blackburn), Kieran Gibbs, Alex



Oxlade-Chamberlain and Yossi Benayoun (against Shrewsbury) are the quintet in question.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Club would like to thank fans who proved their loyalty by turning up in huge numbers to support the team on Tuesday night for the Carling Cup Third Round match against Shrewsbury Town. The 46,539 tickets sold against League Two side Shrewsbury Town was the biggest in the Carling Cup Third Round and the second highest of all the 26 matches played in the Barclays Premier League and Carling Cup since the weekend.

The Carling Cup competition is not part of the Arsenal season ticket package and we also have a run of three home matches in the space of eight days, so this was a magnificent show of support. It was also great to see so many Shrewsbury fans at the game. They helped create a terrific atmosphere. Attendances of all Premier League games played over last weekend and the midweek Carling Cup matches are listed in the table below:



Manchester United v Chelsea	(Premier League)	75,455
Arsenal v Shrewsbury Town	(Carling Cup)	46,539
Chelsea v Fulham	(Carling Cup)	37,632
Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool	(Premier League)	36,129
Aston Villa v Newcastle United	(Premier League)	34,248
Sunderland v Stoke City	(Premier League)	32,296
Everton v Wigan Athletic	(Premier League)	31,576
Leeds United v Manchester United	(Carling Cup)	31,031
Manchester City v Birmingham City	(Carling Cup)	25,070
Fulham v Manchester City	(Premier League)	24,750
Wolverhampton Wanderers v QPR	(Premier League)	24,189
Blackburn Rovers v Arsenal	(Premier League)	22,637
Aston Villa v Bolton Wanderers	(Carling Cup)	22,261
Brighton & Hove Albion v Liverpool	(Carling Cup)	21,897
Bolton Wanderers v Norwich City	(Premier League)	21,223
Swansea City v West Bromwich Albion	(Premier League)	20,431
Everton v West Bromwich Albion	(Carling Cup)	17,647
Stoke City v Tottenham Hotspur	(Carling Cup)	15,023
Nottingham Forest v Newcastle United	(Carling Cup)	10,208
Cardiff City v Leicester City	(Carling Cup)	8,697
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Millwall	(Carling Cup)	7,749
Southampton v Preston	(Carling Cup)	7,414
Blackburn Rovers v Leyton Orient	(Carling Cup)	7,104
Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough	(Carling Cup)	5,448
Burnley v MK Dons	(Carling Cup)	4,134
Aldershot v Rochdale	(Carling Cup)	3,334

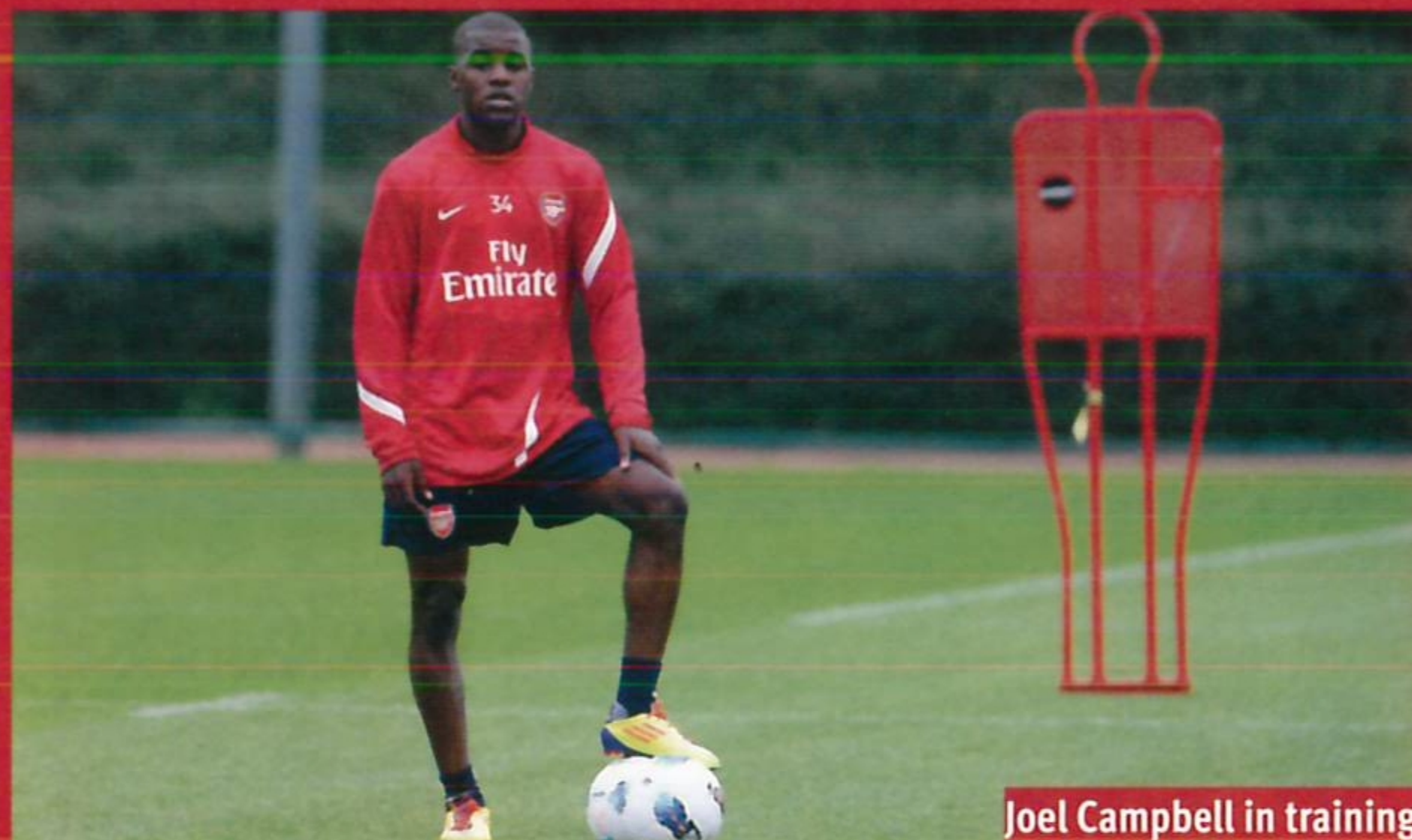
In addition to the Arsenal fans inside Emirates on Tuesday, over 27,000 Arsenal Members watched the full delayed coverage of our victory over Shrewsbury Town on Arsenal Player.

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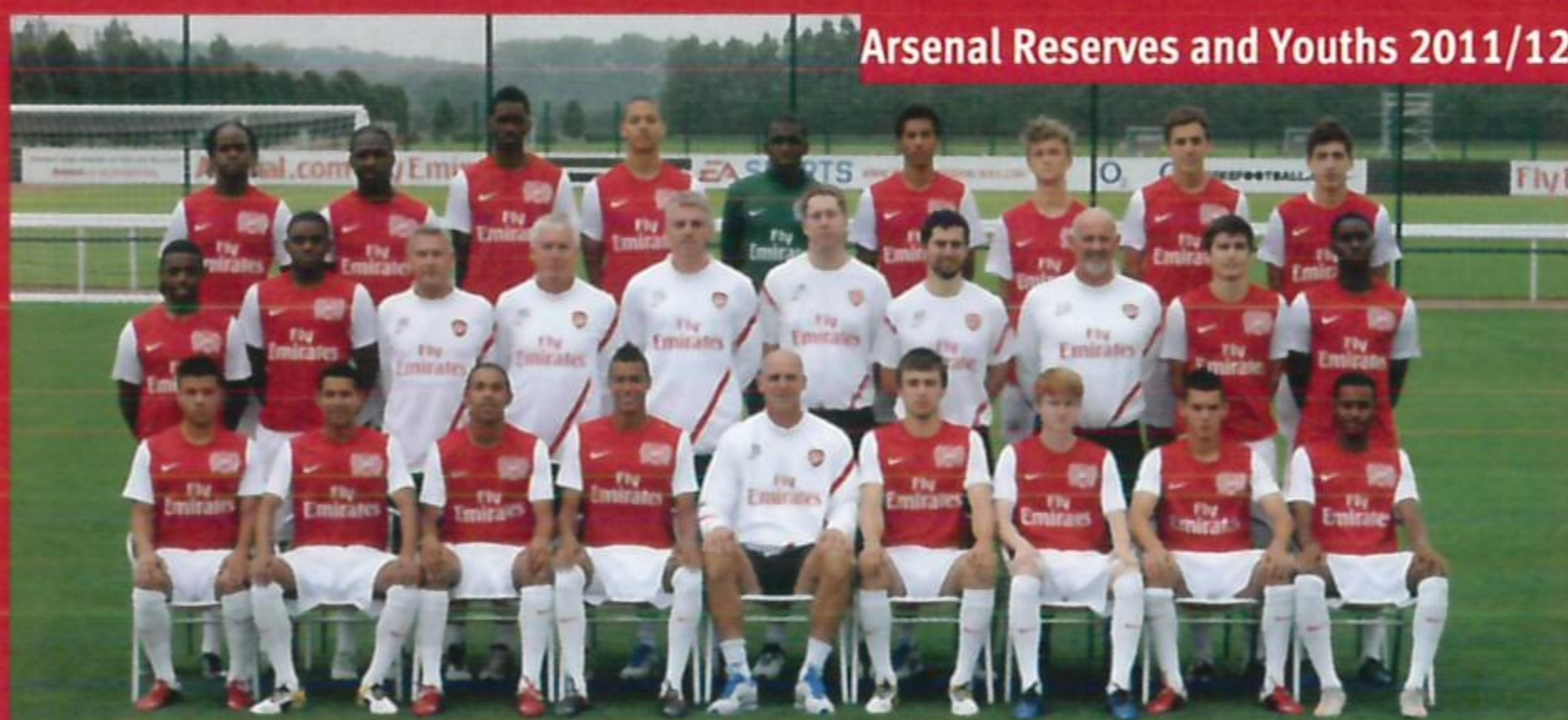
"Win, Gunners! Score many goals! Hinoka & Ohga from Japan"
Thanks for your support, and we hope you enjoy the day!



Joel Campbell in training

LOANEES IN ACTION

Mixed emotions for two of our players on loan in Spain during midweek. On Wednesday, Pedro Botelho was sent off after 77 mins in Rayo Vallecano's 2-1 home loss to Levante. Meanwhile, on Tuesday night, Carlos Vela played 82 minutes in Real Sociedad's 1-0 home win over Grenada on Tuesday. In France on Wednesday night, young Costa Rican striker Joel Campbell played the final half-hour in Lorient's 1-1 with Auxerre.



Arsenal Reserves and Youths 2011/12

UNDER-18S TO GRACE EMIRATES

We are pleased to announce that Emirates Stadium will host an Arsenal Academy Under-18 friendly against Chelsea on Sunday, October 23, immediately after the Arsenal v Stoke City Premier League fixture. Due to upgrade works, there will be no Victoria Line running that day – and in order to aid the prevention of queue congestion at Arsenal Station after the game, the Club has decided to stage the Academy friendly in the hope that fans will delay their exit from the ground. It will be a unique and exciting opportunity to see Steve Bould's richly talented Under-18 side at first hand in the surroundings of Emirates Stadium. Keep an eye on Arsenal.com and future publications for further details.



Barclays Premier League Table 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	5	5	0	0	21	4	15
Man City	5	4	1	0	17	5	13
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Newc Utd	5	2	3	0	4	2	9
Stoke City	5	2	2	1	3	5	8
Aston Villa	5	1	4	0	6	4	7
Everton	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Liverpool	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
QPR	5	2	1	2	4	6	7
Wolves	5	2	1	2	4	6	7
Tottenham	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
Sunderland	5	1	2	2	6	4	5
Norwich	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Swansea	5	1	2	2	3	5	5
Wigan	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
Blackburn	5	1	1	3	7	10	4
Arsenal	5	1	1	3	6	14	4
Fulham	5	0	3	2	4	7	3
Bolton	5	1	0	4	8	13	3
W.B.A.	5	1	0	4	3	8	3

Top scorers

Wayne Rooney	Manchester United	8
Sergio Aguero	Manchester City	6
Edin Dzeko	Manchester City	6
Gabriel Agbonlahor	Aston Villa	3
Leon Best	Newcastle United	3
Franco Di Santo	Wigan Athletic	3
Ivan Klasnic	Bolton Wanderers	3

Top Assist-Makers

Ashley Young	Manchester United	5
Samir Nasri	Manchester City	4
David Hoilett	Blackburn Rovers	3
Luis Nani	Manchester United	3
David Silva	Manchester City	3

As at Friday, September 23

Club Information

Tickets & Travel

TICKET INFORMATION ON THE GUNNERS' FORTHCOMING GAMES

HOME TICKETS



ARSENAL V
OLYMPIACOS

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MATCHDAY TWO

- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011
- KICK-OFF 7.45pm

Gold Members – Please note that this fixture is counted as the second of the seven FA Cup and/or Champions League games (Cup tie credits) that are included within your season ticket. This fixture is now on General Sale.



ARSENAL V
SUNDERLAND

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011
- KICK-OFF 1.30pm
- LIVE ON SKY
- Tickets are on sale to Silver Members, Red Members and Junior Gunners only.



ARSENAL V
STOKE CITY

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011
- KICK-OFF 1.30pm

→ Tickets are on sale to Silver Members, Red Members and Junior Gunners only.



ARSENAL V
OLYMPIQUE MARSEILLE

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MATCHDAY FOUR

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011
- KICK-OFF 7.45pm
- Gold Members: This fixture is counted as the third of the seven FA Cup and/or Champions League games (cup tie credits) that are included within the cost of your season ticket.

Tickets are on sale to Silver Members and Junior Gunners only.

Remaining tickets will go on sale to Red Members at 10am on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Booking fees apply when purchasing tickets for any of the above fixtures.

Please visit Arsenal.com for up to date sale details regarding fixtures in November and December.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that if you are purchasing tickets for other Arsenal Members, please ensure that each additional Member is assigned to your Network prior to your transaction.

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AWAY TICKETS



**TOTTENHAM V
ARSENAL**

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- WHITE HART LANE
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011
- KICK-OFF 4pm
- LIVE ON SKY
- **SOLD OUT**

This fixture sold out to Platinum, Gold and current Travel Club Members with 10+ Away Points.



**OLYMPIQUE MARSEILLE
V ARSENAL**

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

MATCHDAY THREE

- STADE VELODROME
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011
- KICK OFF 7.45PM

We are due to receive an allocation of 2,000 tickets for this fixture.

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Thomas Cook
SPORT



**CHELSEA V
ARSENAL**

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- STAMFORD BRIDGE
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011
- KICK-OFF 12.45pm
- LIVE ON SKY

We are due to receive an allocation of 3,000 tickets for this fixture priced:

Shed End Upper Stand:

£59 Adults, £25 Over-65 and Under-17 (Away Ticket Scheme members will be issued tickets at this price.)

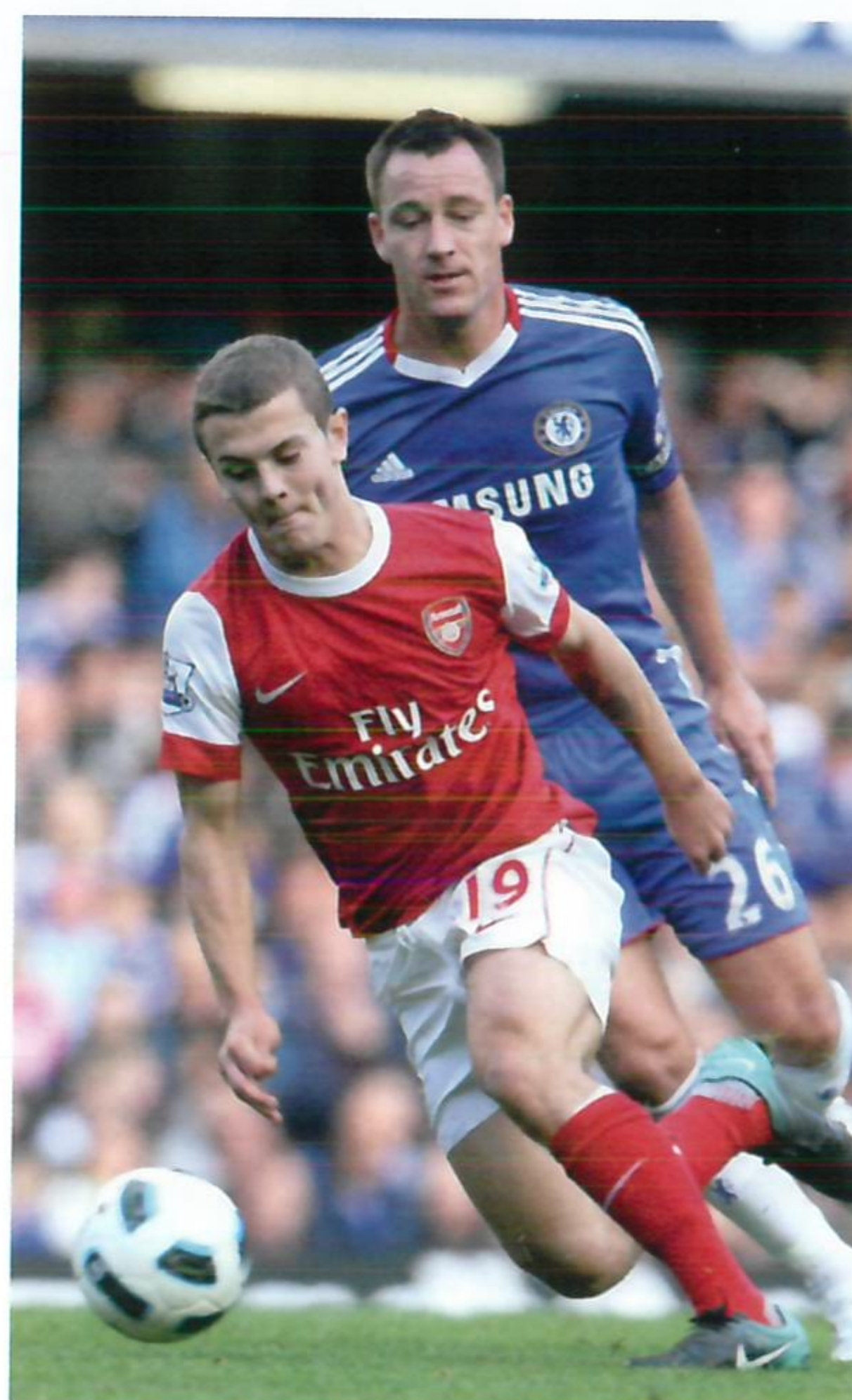
Shed End Lower Stand:

£56 Adults, £25 Over-65 and Under-17.

Priority Booking period No.1 (PB1):

Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday, September 27 at 11am to Platinum, Gold and current Travel Club Members with 25+ Away Points (all tickets are subject availability).

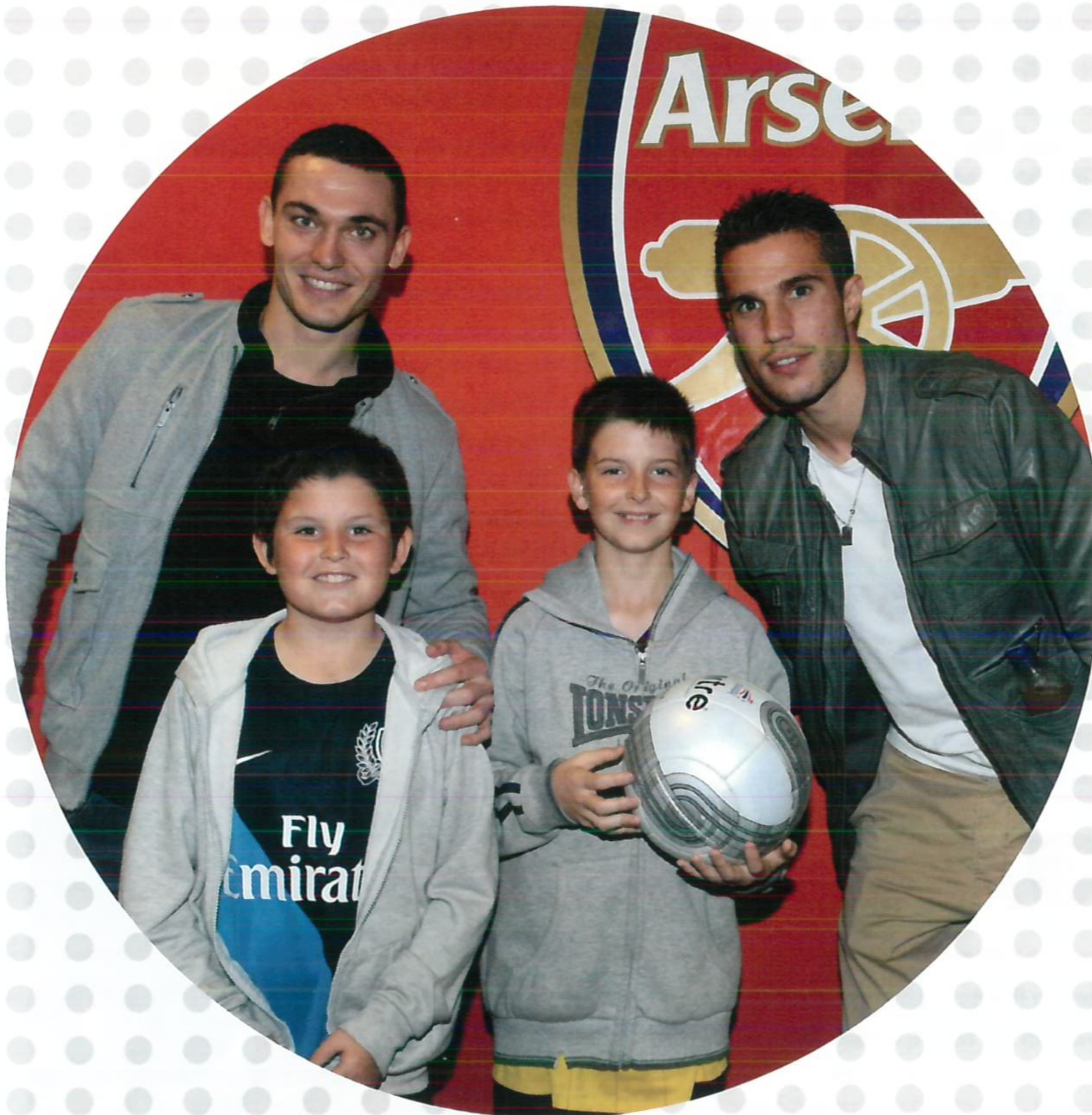
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**CHECK YOUR
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THE BACK OF
TODAY'S
PROGRAMME.
GOOD LUCK!**



DARTFORD DELIGHT! Our lucky Numbers Game winners

for the Shrewsbury Town fixture were brothers Harry (10) and Charlie Rowe (9) from Dartford. The boys were thrilled – as were mum and dad – to spend time in the Players' Entrance meeting the players and, as you can see, grabbed a picture with Robin and Thomas who had also just enjoyed watching a win in the Carling Cup.

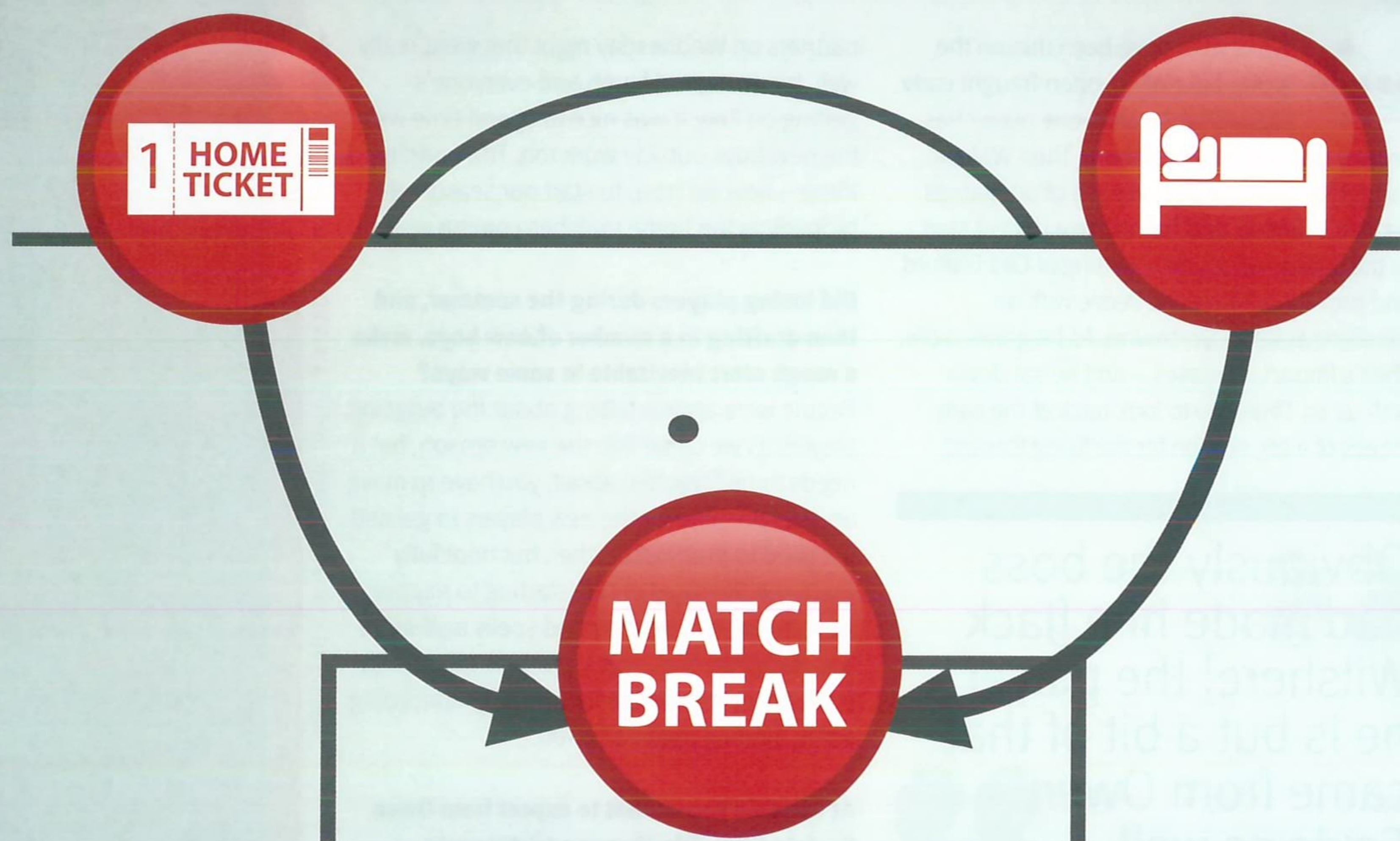


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THEO WALCOTT

EXCLUSIVE **INTERVIEW**

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While wins have been thin on the ground during an often-fraught early season for Arsenal, one player has proved decisive in two of them. Theo Walcott scored the winning goal in each of our games against Udinese, and has made a decent start to the season all round – netting at Old Trafford and providing Robin van Persie with an excellent assist in Dortmund. As he grows older, Theo's impact increases – and he sat down with us on Thursday to look back at the early stages of a big season for the flying forward.

Obviously the boss had made him [Jack Wilshere] the player he is but a bit of that came from Owen Coyle as well

Theo, how do you assess the team's current position?

At the moment, looking at the league position, things obviously aren't great. If we want to win the league we can't be going to Blackburn and losing when we've scored three goals – and even when scoring two at Old Trafford, which we hadn't done for a long time. But morale is good, regardless of what people might believe. We had a dinner for players and their

partners on Wednesday night that went really well. It was a good laugh and everyone's getting on fine; it was nice to spend time with the new boys outside work too. The bonding is there – now we have to start our season off properly in the home matches coming up.

Did losing players during the summer, and then drafting in a number of new boys, make a rough start inevitable in some ways?

People were always talking about the outgoing players as we came into the new season, but it needs to be forgotten about, you have to move on. It'll take time for the new players to gel and get used to playing together, but hopefully you'll see the signs of that starting to happen. A lot of teams have their bad spells and we've hopefully had ours now – our next target is to push on, dominate games and stop conceding goals, starting against Bolton.

At least we know what to expect from Owen Coyle's side – it's always a tricky game...

They haven't had the greatest of starts but they'll be tough opposition, as they always are, so we look forward to it. Owen Coyle's done a great job there – look at Jack Wilshere as an example. Obviously the boss has made him the player he is but a bit of that came from Coyle as well – he had enough belief to put Jack in the team during his loan there and Jack came back a new player. They play football the right way and Coyle looks to give young players an opportunity. He seems like a really good manager to get along with and we respect him.

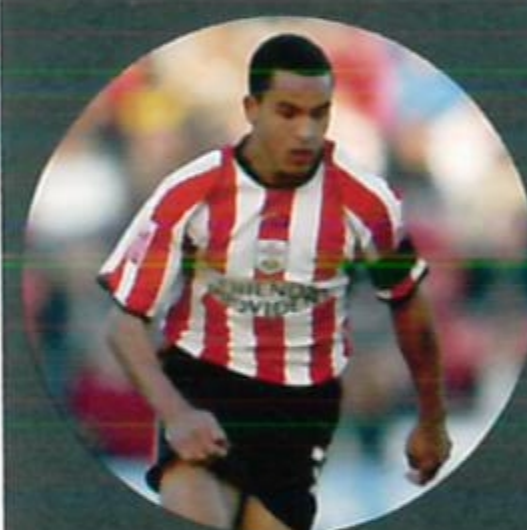
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BORN
Middlesex,
March 16, 1989

POSITION
Forward

PREVIOUS CLUB
Southampton



“As I get
older,
bigger and
stronger,
I can
look after
myself
more easily”

JOINED ARSENAL
From Southampton on
January 20, 2006

BOOTS
Nike Mercurial Vapor
Superfly III FG



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Player Feature

It's a good chance to continue your scoring start to the season. You have three already – so are you happy overall, on a personal level?

Of course I can't be happy with our results, but if I'm looking only at myself then I've scored a few goals and I think my general play's been a bit better too. My crossing's improved and I was happy with the balls I put in at Blackburn, even if I was only on for 20 minutes or so. So I'm happy with myself overall, and feel fit too – that's important, and hopefully I'll get a full season under my belt. I'm always going to be judged on goals and assists, but if I'm doing the other things well then hopefully they'll come. To have three goals already is a good start.

It's not exactly a secret that you'd love a chance to play centrally one day – do your goals state more of a case for that?

I had a meeting with the boss and explained my point of view. He knew the conversation would come up and was very happy to talk about it. He says he'll give me a chance there at the right time, and I'm dying for it to happen – but he knows exactly what he is doing and obviously I trust him. I believe I can give so much more to the team playing up front, with the runs I can make off the ball, and I just love hitting the back of the net as well. At times I feel a bit, if not wasted, then in and out of games on the right. I just want it more and more, having scored a few last season – I'm not a winger and I think plenty of people know that. I've done ok out there but I'd love to play down the middle.

You've been in one or two spiky exchanges and have picked up a few yellow cards this season. Are you sticking up for yourself more on the pitch nowadays?

You're right, I've had three bookings! I'm not going to take anything from any opposing player this season. It's just a case of showing passion, and at times perhaps a little bit of frustration when things haven't been going our way. But it's nothing significant, just a sign that I won't get kicked off the park easily. As I get older, bigger and stronger I can look after myself more easily, that's all.



Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers

14. Theo Walcott



You watched from the stands as our younger players beat Shrewsbury – what were your thoughts on that game?

Firstly, Shrewsbury showed why they're being tipped for promotion – they looked strong and gave us some difficulties in the first-half. The first goal was very important for us, and after the break we did very well. It was great for Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain to get off the mark – and Yossi Benayoun too, from a great assist by Ozzy Ozyakup. The creative play and interchanges seemed to flow – it was great to see the young players take their chances.

People inevitably compare Alex with you – how's he settled in, and have you had a hand in his early weeks?

He's grabbed it with both hands, gets on with things and is very comfortable around all the other players. I've invited him to play golf and things like that, and am always there for advice if he wants anything. There will be stages in the year when he doesn't make the squad – I found that myself when I first came here, because I didn't play for seven months – so perhaps I can pass some experience on. But he'll be his own player and his own person, and has shown great signs of the potential he has. He's a very level-headed guy with a good family behind him, and he'll take everything in his stride.

Finally Theo, how's the response been to the book you recently released? It attracted quite a lot of publicity.

I've done some signings, including one at Emirates which was a lot of fun, and sales are going very well – it was number two in the Amazon bestsellers at the start, which amazed me! It's just a story of me growing up, and my feelings about my career so far. People might say I'm young, but it might be useful for a player growing up to read about what things are like now for someone who's been through a lot early in their career. If I can help them by speaking about what I've dealt with then I'll be very glad.■

DID YOU KNOW?



Behind Robin van Persie, Theo has the second highest number of Arsenal first team appearances in the first team appearances –

182

Theo has scored more than half (19) of his

34

Arsenal goals away from home.

Theo has one assist so far this season, taking his Gunners career tally to

39



Researches
for you



Bunjaku 18

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STEVE BOULD



Goalkeeper Reice Charles-Cook denied the visitors minutes later with a sliding tackle on Elan Roberts when through one-on-one.

Bristol City tried to close Arsenal down a bit better in the second-half, but the Gunners still managed to create a host of chances. Chuba Akpom benefited from some smart skills by Bellerin who played a delightful ball on the left side of the area. The striker accelerated towards goal before firing a shot on the run that struck the bar before bouncing to safety.

“We did ok. I am pleased with the clean sheet, but I think we could have created more. We were lacking ideas up front,” said Steve Bould, “it was a bit scrappy in the second-half but there were some good defensive performances which is encouraging.”

Arsenal Charles-Cook, Glasgow, Bihmoutine, Wynter (Ansah 25), Monteiro, Hayden, Bellerin (Monakana 40), Jebb, Roberts (Neita 38), Bunjaku, Akpom **Subs not used** Vickers, Campbell

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2011/12

Mon Aug 15	Manchester United	2-1
Tue Aug 23	Wigan Athletic	3-1
Tue Sep 13	Bolton Wanderers	3-3
Mon Sep 26	Blackburn Rovers	H
Mon Oct 3	Swansea City	H
Mon Oct 10	Sunderland	H
Tue Oct 18	West Bromwich Albion	A
Mon Oct 31	Aston Villa	A
Mon Nov 7	Fulham	H
Mon Nov 14	Norwich City	H
Tue Nov 22	Wolves	A
Mon Dec 5	Chelsea	H
Wed Dec 14	Swansea City	A
Mon Jan 9	Aston Villa	H
Tue Jan 24	Fulham	A
Mon Feb 13	Wolves	H
Tue Feb 21	Norwich City	A
Mon Mar 5	Chelsea	A
Mon Mar 12	West Bromwich Albion	H
Tue Mar 20	Liverpool	A
Mon Apr 2	Everton	H
Tue Apr 10	Newcastle United	A

	Apps	Goals
Sanchez Watt	3	3
Chuks Aneke	3	2
Oguzhan Ozyakup	3	1
Daniel Boateng	3	
Luke Freeman	2+1	1
Jernade Meade	2+1	
Nico Yennaris	2+1	
Kyle Ebecilio	2	
Vito Mannone	2	
Ignasi Miquel	2	
Ryo Miyaichi	2	1
Martin Angha	1+2	
Benik Afobe	1	
Francis Coquelin	1	
Carl Jenkinson	1	
Damian Martinez	1	
Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain	1	
Armand Traore	1	
Zak Ansah	+2	
Sean McDermott	+1	
Elton Monteiro	+1	

a good week for...

RESERVE LEAGUE SOUTH TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Arsenal	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Chelsea	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Fulham	4	2	0	2	11	5	6
Swansea	3	2	0	2	4	10	6
Wolves	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Norwich	4	1	1	2	4	1	4
Aston Villa	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

The Reserves play teams from the southern region home and away and teams from the northern region just once

FA ACADEMY LEAGUE

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2011/12

Thu Aug 18	Barnsley	1-2
Sat Aug 27	Leeds United	1-0
Sat Sep 3	Milton Keynes Dons	2-0
Sat Sep 10	Cardiff City	2-2
Sat Sep 17	Bristol City	1-0
Sat Sep 24	Crystal Palace	A
Sat Oct 1	Fulham	H
Sat Oct 8	Chelsea	A
Sat Oct 15	Southampton	H
Sat Oct 29	Charlton Athletic	A
Sat Nov 5	Norwich City	H
Sat Nov 12	Ipswich Town	A
Sat Nov 19	Portsmouth	A
Sat Dec 3	West Ham United	H
Sat Dec 10	Southampton	A
Sat Dec 17	Charlton Athletic	H
Sat Jan 7	Norwich City	A
Sat Jan 14	Ipswich Town	H
Sat Jan 21	Portsmouth	H
Sat Jan 28	West Ham United	A
Sat Feb 11	Crystal Palace	H
Sat Feb 18	Fulham	A
Sat Feb 25	Chelsea	H
Sat Mar 3	Leicester City	A
Sat Mar 10	Aston Villa	H
Sat Mar 17	Coventry City	H
Sat Mar 31	Watford	A
Sat Apr 21	Birmingham City	A
Sat May 5	Semi Final	
Sat May 12	Final (TBC)	

YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES

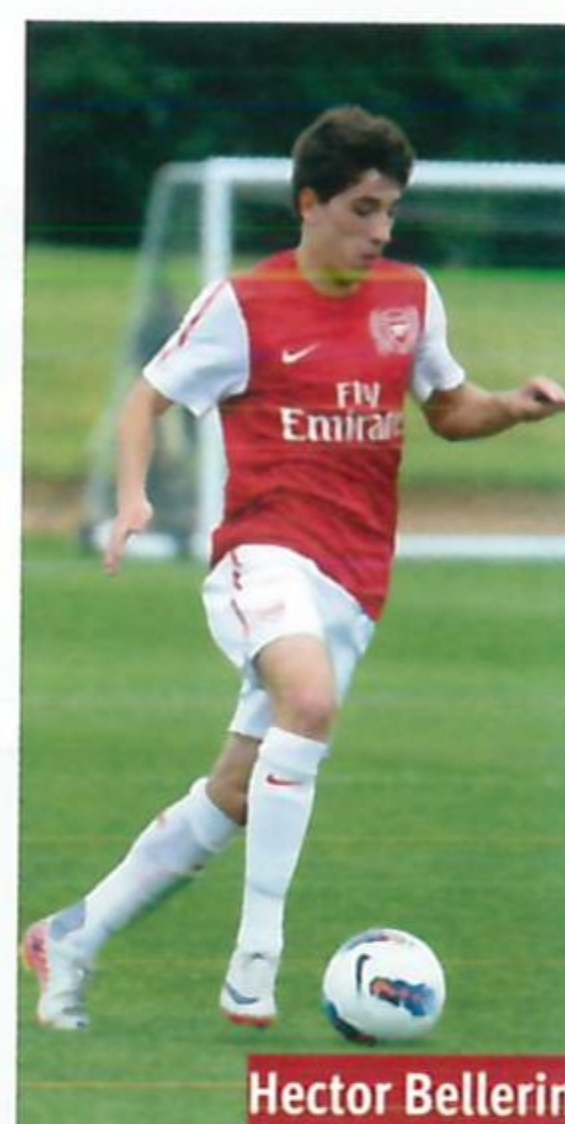
	Apps	Goals
Elton Monteiro	5	1
Jordan Wynter	5	
Zak Ansah	4+1	1
Isaac Hayden	4+1	
Jeffrey Monakana	4+1	
Nigel Neita	4+1	
Alban Bunjaku	4	1
Samir Bihmoutine	3+2	
Anthony Jeffrey	3	2
Philip Roberts	3	2
Reice Charles-Cook	3	
Zachari Fagan	3	
Ben Glasgow	3	
Callum Webb	2+1	
James Campbell	2	
Sean McDermott	2	
Chuba Akpom	1+2	
Jack Jebb	1+1	
Hector Bellerin	1	

PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	5	5	0	0	17	5	15
Fulham	5	4	0	1	19	8	12
Arsenal	5	4	1	0	7	4	10
Southampton	5	2	3	0	13	6	9
Norwich City	5	3	0	2	13	7	9
Crystal Palace	5	2	2	1	13	8	8
Charlton Athletic	5	2	1	2	11	9	7
Ipswich Town	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
Portsmouth	5	1	2	2	7	8	5
Chelsea	5	1	1	3	13	13	4

ALBAN BUNJAKU

He scored his first goal of the season



Hector Bellerin

Reserve games in **bold** are played at Barnet's Underhill Stadium. All other home Reserve games are behind closed-doors

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Least goals conceded in the Academy League – by Arsenal

3

Home Reserve games on the spin – starting Monday



Alban Bunjaku

Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers

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Young Gun

Zach Fagan

INJURY PROBLEMS BEHIND HIM AND MAKING GREAT PROGRESS

BIOG

First Year
Scholar

Born 16/12/1994,
Lewisham,
Position Centre-back
Height 6ft 2in
Weight 13st 12lbs

THEN...

Teams you played for
before Arsenal?
Just junior teams and
Arsenal development
sides really.

Supported growing up?
Arsenal!

Who did you pretend to
be on the playground?

I liked to be
Edgar Davids.

Favourite kids' TV
programme when you
were growing up?

I'd always try to watch
Pokemon.

Who was your favourite
teacher at school?

Mr Joseph at
Forest Hill School.

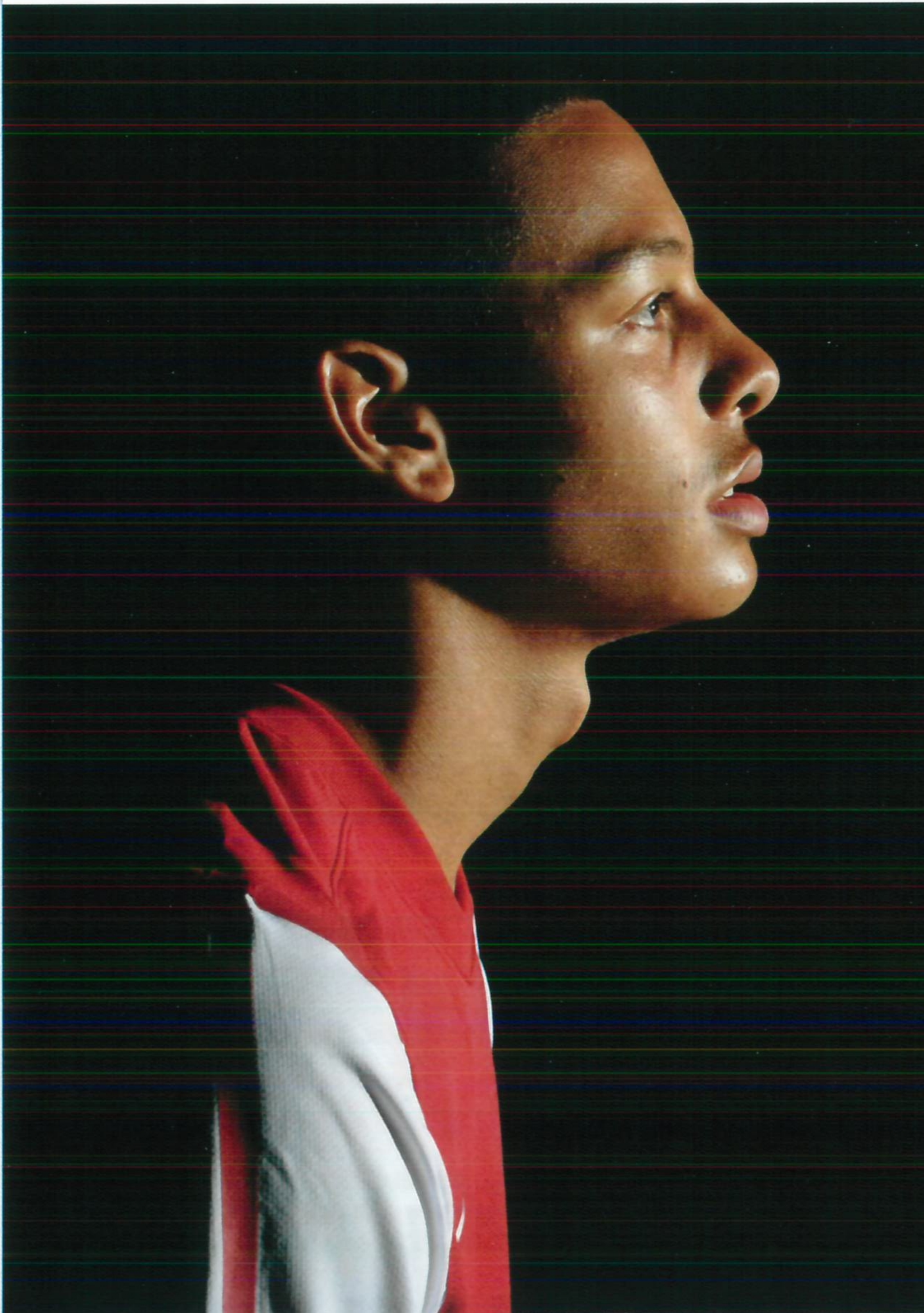
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been the most
influential
on your football
career so far?

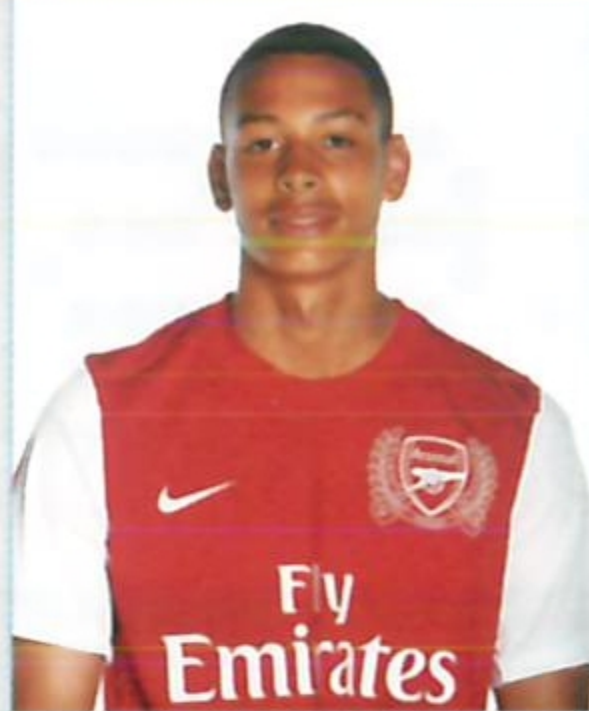
That has to be my dad.

Which other clubs were
interested in signing
you before Arsenal?

To be honest,
I'm not sure.

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...NOW

Fave item of clothing?

My jeans.

Dream car?

An Aston Martin DB5 would be great!

Best thing about being part of the Academy?

The fact that you are close to the first team.

Three words to describe you as a player.

'Team player', 'classy' and 'brave'.

Three words to describe you as a person.

'Friendly', 'trustworthy' and 'funny'.

Fave comedian?

I'm a big fan of the late Bernie Mac (pictured).



Most talented team-mate

Everyone here is very talented to it's impossible to single anyone out.

Which current Arsenal player is your role model?

Probably Thomas Vermaelen.



If it were not enough of a statement of Arsenal's faith in Zach Fagan that he was one of just three youngsters to graduate into the Academy from the Under-16s last term, the fact that he was sidelined for most of that crucial season speaks volumes.

"I played up until the end of November but developed a back pain that was linked to a growth spurt," reports the 16 year-old who is already approaching six feet three inches: "The only treatment was to rest as the fear was that it could turn into a stress fracture that would have created more complications."

The patient approach appears to have brought dividends and the centre-back has already featured in the Under-18s this season. "I was quietly confident that I had done enough up until my injury to show Arsenal what I had to offer, but hearing the news that I was in was fantastic. We had a very good Under-16s side and I was surprised that just three of us were selected because we had a lot of good players and I felt for the lads who did not make it. Thankfully," continues Zach, "they have all been picked up by some good clubs and are continuing in football."

"I feel so honoured to be with Arsenal," reports the Lewisham based youngster. "I have always been a Gunners fan, I think ever since I saw Ian Wright on TV and I got the kit. To now have the chance to play for the Club I love is a fantastic opportunity for me."

Zach still travels to and from south London to training every day: "I use the train and it is OK in the morning because I am focused on getting in and on the way home in the afternoon I use the trip to relax or think about what we have done in training," he explains, adding: "I was so relaxed after one of the double training sessions that I fell asleep and missed my stop. Thankfully I did not go too far," he smiles.



Zach is very similar in style to Rio Ferdinand and Eric Abidal and that is no coincidence: "It's funny people say that because those are the two players that I like to watch all the time. I watch clips on Youtube and try watch games where they are playing. I like to focus on them, to see what they do on and off the ball, their positioning especially. I feel that I have learned from them but I am learning a lot in training too. Steve Bould was at the top of the game for years. I can relate and appreciate everything he says in training. You know when he is explaining things that he is giving the best advice and I do my best to take everything in and apply it."

Zach's targets for this term are simple: "I hope to play as many games for the Under-18s as I can. I would like to make the FA Youth Cup squad and feature in the Reserves before the end of the season. I know that will not just happen and I am giving all I can to achieve those aims." Do not be surprised if whilst striving to achieve those goals, he scores a few too. "I have always scored goals, even though I am a defender. I scored seven in my Under-15s year and four goals last season, even though I did not play from December onwards. My principal job is defending, but I do enjoy scoring goals too!"

Despite the roller-coaster ride all Arsenal fans have been going through recently, Zach remains optimistic: "I think that the new signings will show their quality. I think the squad has improved and it will eventually show. I was very pleased with the purchase of Per Mertesacker. I watched him closely at the last World Cup and he has a physical presence that we have perhaps been lacking. I am sure he will settle in and help us become more solid at the back. I genuinely believe that once the team gels, confidence will come back and the results and performances will follow," says Zach, adding: "hopefully beginning this weekend!" ■

Firelli Continental Cup finalists

Arsenal Ladies

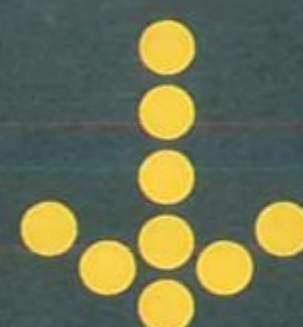
THE FINAL SHOWDOWN AT BURTON IS LESS THAN 24 HOURS AWAY

 Tomorrow (Sunday, September 25) sees the Gunners face erstwhile title rivals Birmingham City in the final of the Continental Cup – which is effectively the new league cup competition for the Women's Super League.

The match will be played at Burton Albion FC, kicking off at 2.15pm – and will be televised live on ESPN. Laura Harvey's double-winning side defeated Liverpool and Lincoln to reach the final showdown, and now hope to make history by winning a domestic treble in the first season of the sport's new structure. There will also be a performance by 2010 X Factor finalists Belle Amie at the game – providing a rendition of their newly-released single, 'Girls Up', and also singing another song requested by fans. To find out more about this, and to vote, check out the FA WSL Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FAWSL. Tickets cost just £5 for adults, £2.50 for children and £10 for a family of four – exceptional value for an afternoon of top-class football, so do come along to enjoy an afternoon of top-class women's football and, hopefully, an excellent result. Your support is hugely appreciated by the players and staff of Arsenal Ladies.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE STARTS IN BELARUS

 Just days after the Continental Cup Final, Arsenal Ladies will commence battle on yet another front. This time, they'll be looking to set their best foot forward en route to improving upon last season's Champions League Semi-Final appearance. To do that, they'll have to start out by beating Belarusian outfit FC Bobruichanka, the first leg being played in Belarus on Thursday, September 29 and the return match taking place at Boreham Wood



**ARSENAL LADIES
v BOBRUICHANKA**
Arsenal Ladies away leg
of this fixture takes
place in Belarus this
Thursday,
September 29. The
home leg is on
Wednesday, October 5
at Boreham Wood



The last 18 months have been the best of my career **Laura Harvey**



FC on Wednesday, October 5 (kick-off 4pm). Should the Gunners progress to the round of 16, they'll face either Rayo Vallecano de Madrid – whom they dramatically beat at the same stage last November – or Finnish side PK-35 Vantaa. The first leg of that tie would be played on Tuesday, November 1 or Wednesday, November 2, with the second leg on Wednesday, November 9 or Thursday, November 10. Reigning champions Olympique Lyonnais, who defeated the Gunners in the last-four in 2010/11, will begin their campaign against Romanian side CFF Olimpia Cluj.



Burton Albion's Pirelli Stadium



Katie Chapman in Champions League action against Lyon last season



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LEAGUE CUP FINALS WON

THESE ARE THE DAYS FOR HARVS



Arsenal Ladies manager Laura Harvey admits that the year and a half she has spent in the job to date has been a heady time.

“These last 18 months have been the best of my career I think,” she said in an interview that you can see in full on Arsenal Player. “Two league titles, an FA Cup, the semi-finals of the Champions League – you probably couldn’t ask for much more as a manager.

“I’ve learned loads about myself. I’m young, I’ve learned that I want to win, and I like the feeling that brings. Being successful is great, and the testing times are what make and break you. I think over the last 18 months we have had some of those.”

Completing a treble this weekend would crown a truly remarkable period for Laura and Arsenal Ladies.■



FA WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arsenal Ladies	14	10	2	2	29	9	20	32
Birmingham City	14	8	5	1	29	13	16	29
Everton Ladies	14	7	4	3	19	13	6	25
Lincoln Ladies	14	6	3	5	18	16	2	21
Bristol Academy	14	4	4	6	14	20	-6	16
Chelsea Ladies	14	4	3	7	14	19	-5	15
Doncaster R.B.	14	2	3	9	9	26	-17	9
Liverpool Ladies	14	1	4	9	10	26	-16	7

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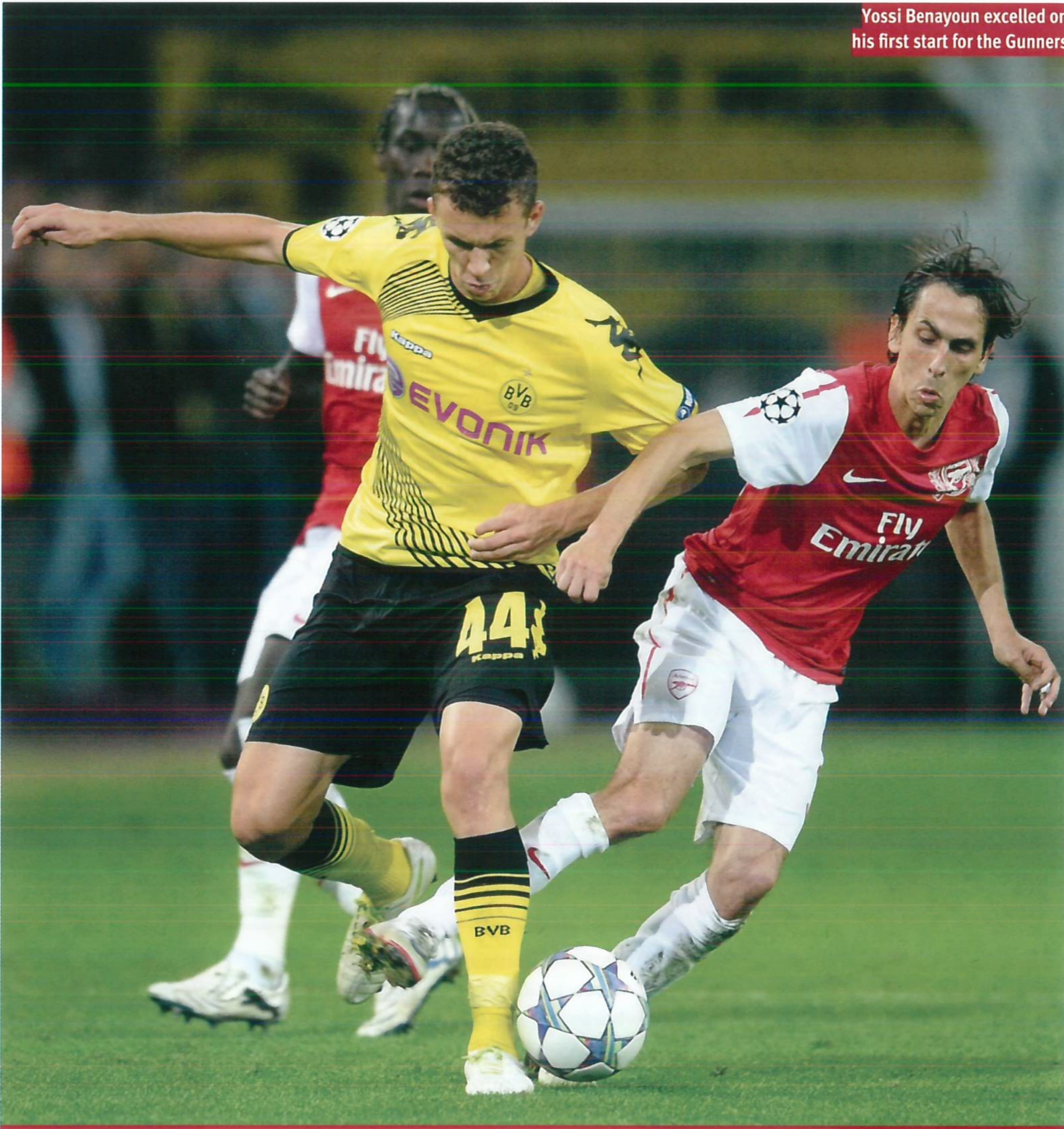


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Yossi Benayoun excelled on his first start for the Gunners



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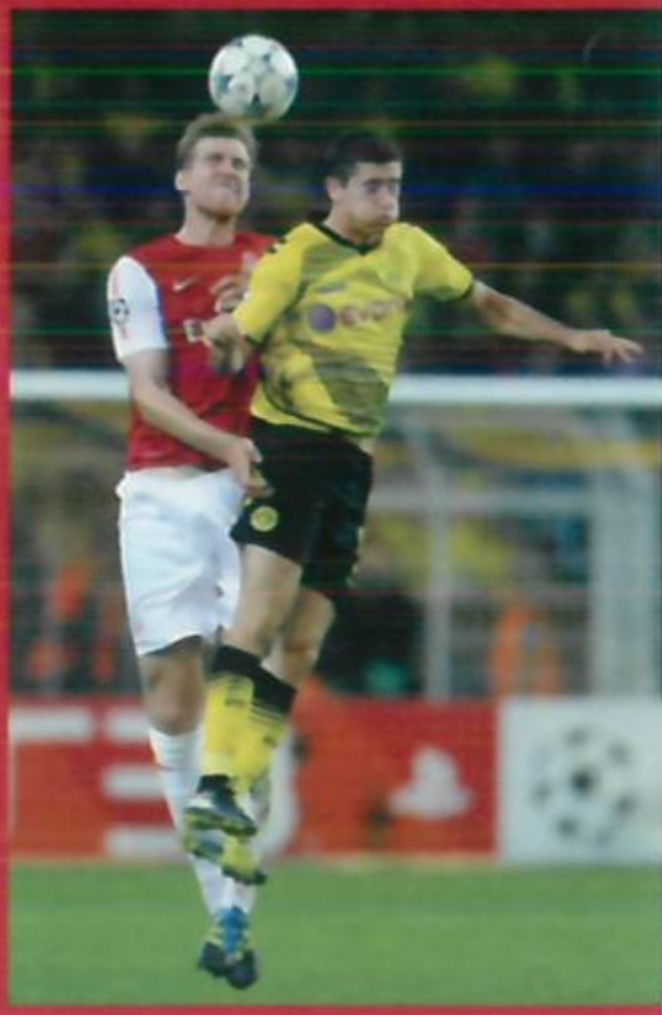
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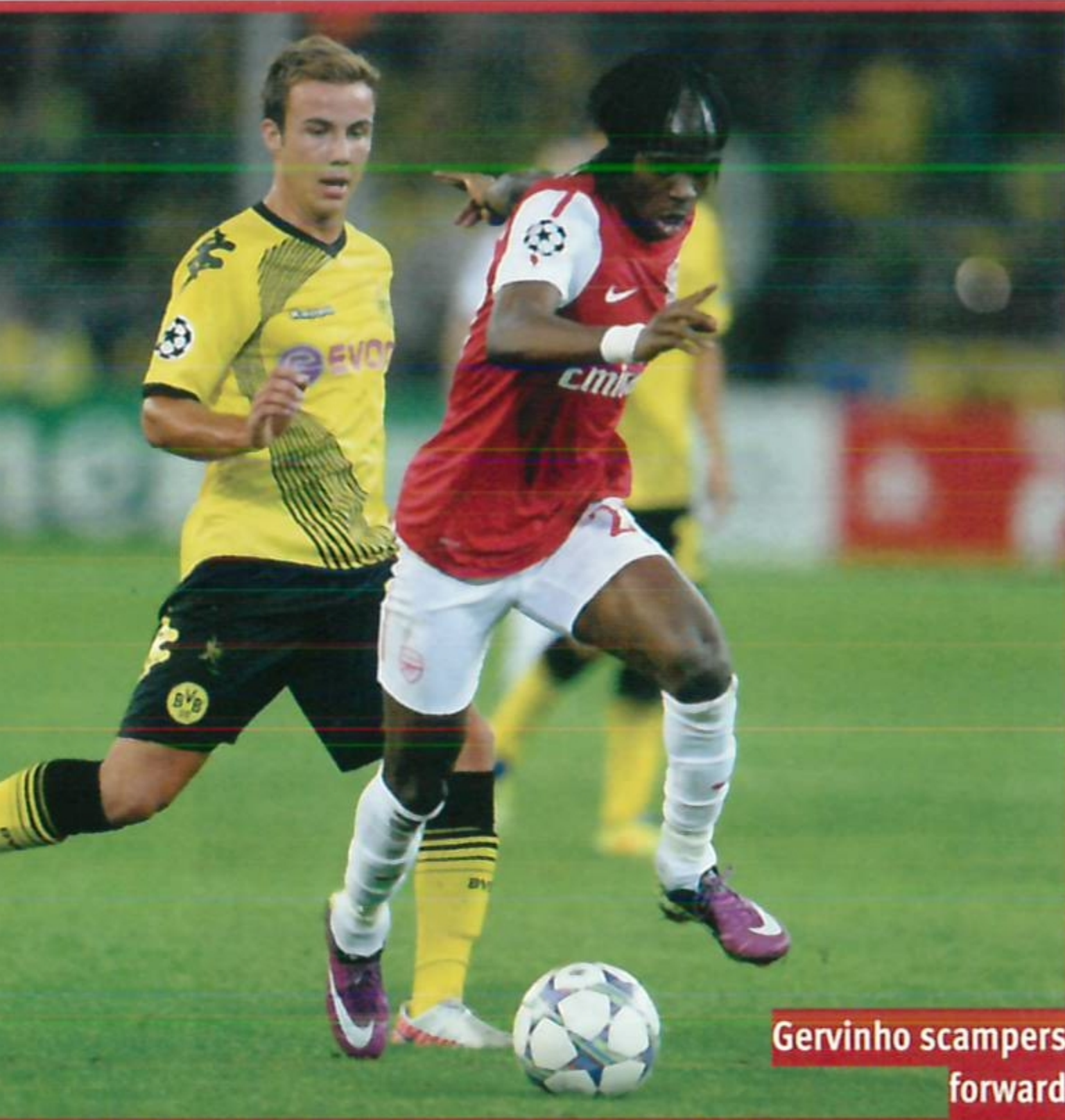
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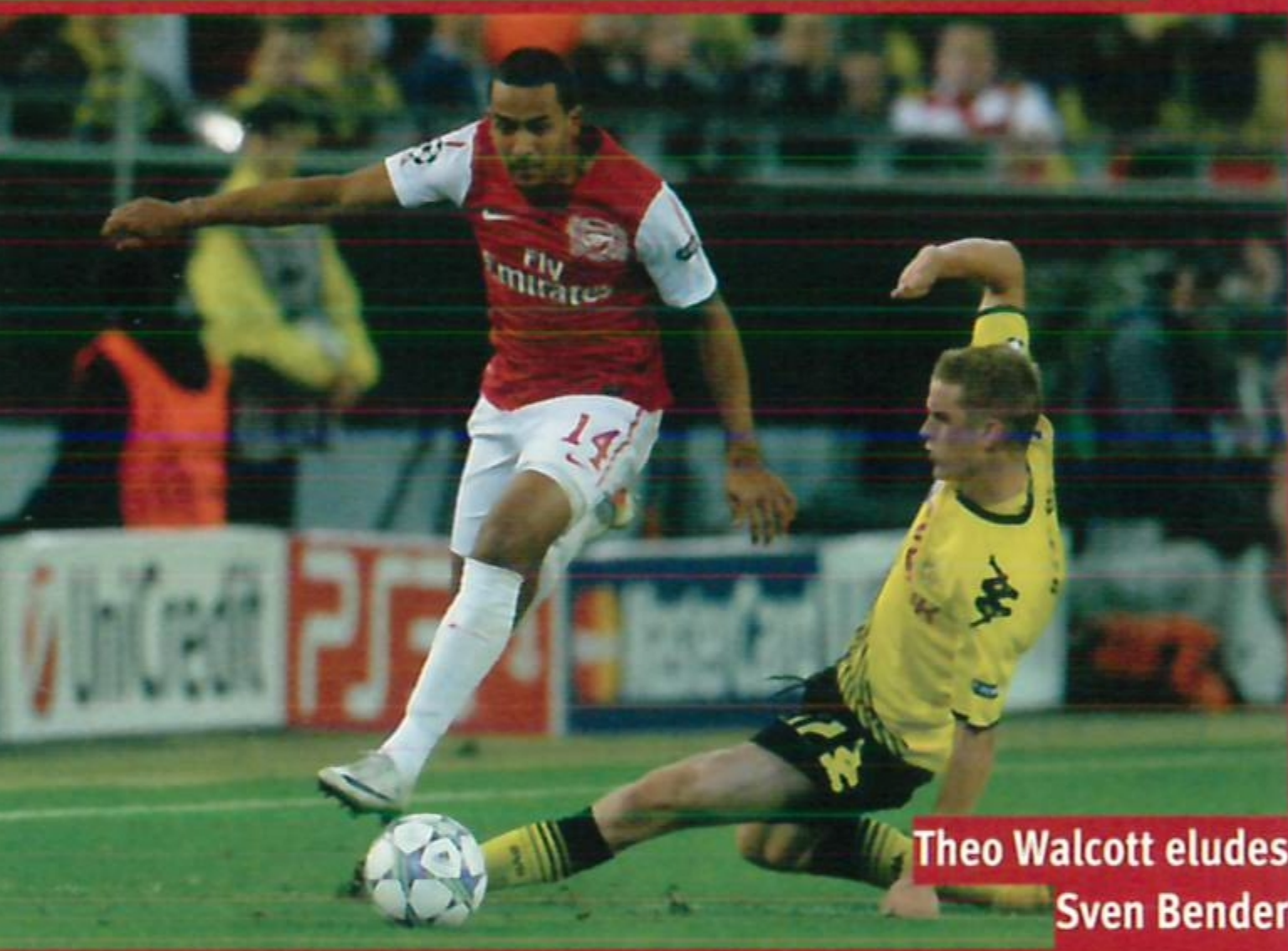
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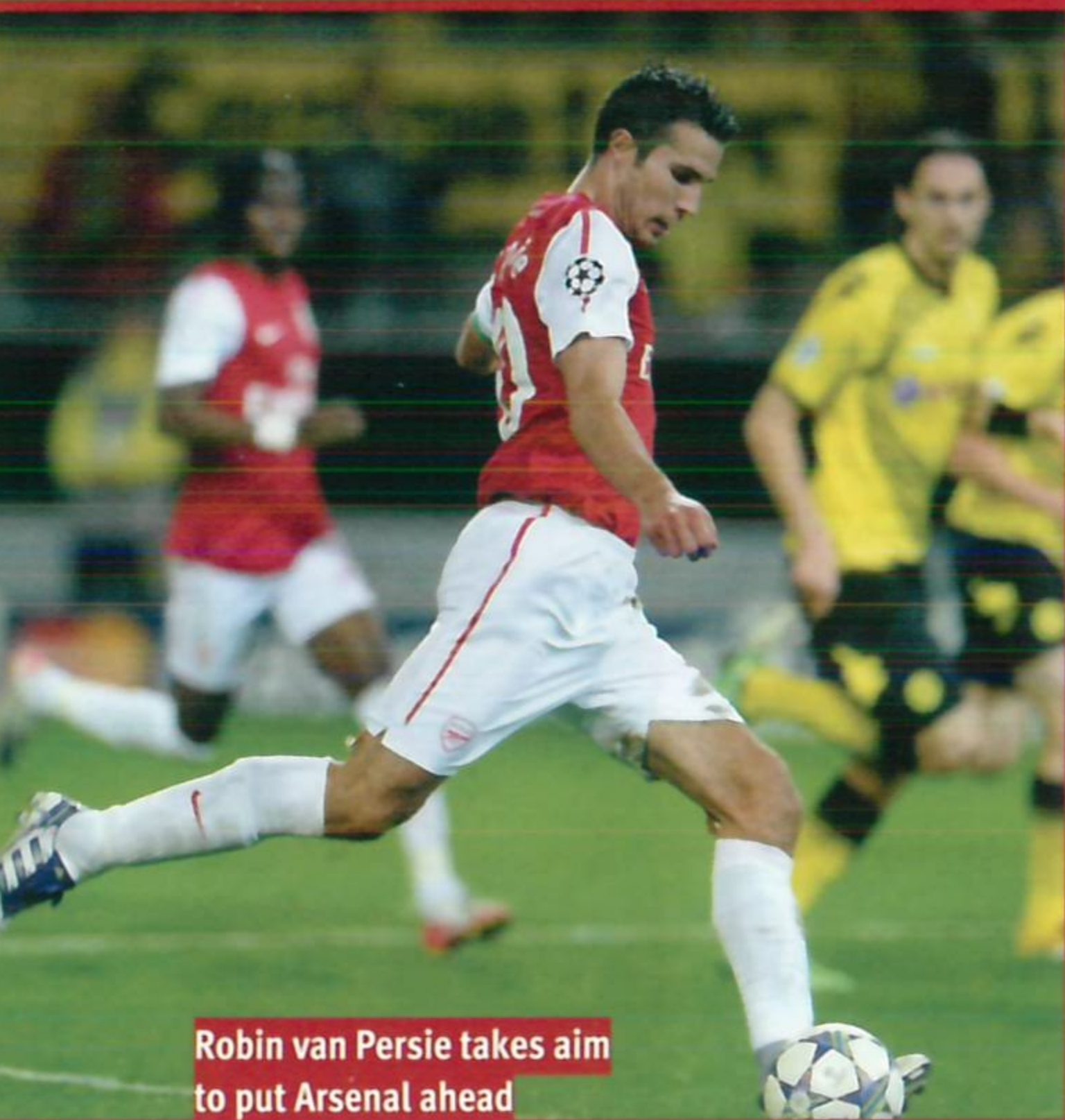
Match Action



Gervinho scampers forward



Theo Walcott eludes Sven Bender



Robin van Persie takes aim to put Arsenal ahead

GAME NO
07



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Arsenal came within minutes of an outstanding win over the German champions – with a draw still a very palatable outcome.

A lively start to proceedings saw Gervinho denied by Roman Weidenfeller, while Kevin Grosskreutz missed for the hosts when he should have done better. Bacary Sagna then cleared off the line from Mario Gotze as the match remained pacy and open. Van Persie was then denied by Weidenfeller before he gave the Gunners the lead with a fine goal – running onto a great pass from Theo Walcott before finishing confidently with his right foot.

The hosts pushed hard after the break but Arsenal defended manfully. They threatened on the break when Gervinho's effort was saved after he ran clear, although the traffic was mainly in the other direction and Wojciech Szczesny had to deny Neven Subotic. It seemed as if the Gunners would hold on, but after Marcel Schmelzer's free-kick was headed away by Kieran Gibbs, Ivan Perisic hit a stunning volley into the top corner to level things. Robert Lewandowski was foiled by a fine Szczesny save in the last minute – and defeat would have been harsh on the visitors.

Borussia Dortmund Weidenfeller, Subotic, Hummels, Schmelzer, Kehl (Blaszczykowski 68), Bender, Kagawa (Zidan 85), Lewandowski, Gotze, Grosskreutz (Perisic 69), Piszczek **Subs not used** Langerak, Santana, Da Silva, Gundogan

★**Shots on** 6 ★**Shots off** 17
★**Corners** 6 ★**Offsides** 6 ★**Fouls** 13
★**Yellow cards** Schmelzer, Bender

Arsenal Szczesny, Sagna, Mertesacker, Koscielny, Gibbs, Arteta, Walcott (Frimpong 76), Song, Benayoun, Van Persie (Chamakh 84), Gervinho (Santos 84) **Subs not used** Fabianski, Djourou, Arshavin, Chamakh

★**Shots on** 2 ★**Shots off** 7
★**Corners** 4 ★**Offsides** 4 ★**Fouls** 7
★**Yellow card** Sagna

Robin and his team-mates celebrate the Dutchman's goal





Finally on the Up



1901

INTO A NEW CENTURY AND HARRY BRADSHAW LEADS WOOLWICH ARSENAL TO THEIR FIRST EVER STINT IN ENGLAND'S TOP DIVISION

Quite why Harry Bradshaw, manager of a Burnley side which had just finished third in the old First Division in 1899, agreed to become manager of the ailing Woolwich Arsenal, seemingly permanently mired in the Second Division, is anyone's guess. Yet Bradshaw's odd decision (he'd been quoted in the press as saying: "Football's real power lives in the North of England") proved to be the catalyst which Woolwich Arsenal required to turn them into a more robust and competitive outfit. Bradshaw realised that the Club had always struggled to hold onto talented players, and that the accounts weren't healthy, but he was a canny customer who, nevertheless, saw the potential of the team from Woolwich and set about raising funds.

In November 1902, the Club organised and sold tickets for an archery competition inside the Manor Ground, which doubled as a lottery. The event raised £1,200 – a tidy sum when the Club's annual income was around £5,600. Bradshaw needed to use all of his cunning and guile to steer the Club forward. One of his policies was to shop around for local talent. Possibly his most

successful acquisition was goalkeeper Jimmy Ashcroft from Gravesend, who in time would become the Club's first England international. Reports claimed that Ashcroft had the ability to punch a ball almost half the length of the pitch – no mean feat in the days of the old fashioned football. Joining him at the Club were Archie Cross from Dartford, and Percy Sands from Woolwich. As well as the local contingent, Bradshaw used his network of spies to bring in Yorkshire born Bill Gooing and Irishman Tommy Shanks. There were also the prodigious striking talents of John George "Tim" Coleman.

Woolwich Arsenal finished fourth in the 1901/02 season, their best ever league finish, and a year later, the team ended up in third place. The crowds were now also creeping up, and average gates were around the 10,000 in the 1902/03 campaign. 24,000 squeezed into the Manor Ground to watch the team lose 3-1 at home to First Division Sheffield United in 1903, and the team's profile began to rise accordingly. Jimmy Jackson (half Australian/half Scot) appointed himself leader of team affairs/tactics. Jackson had played as an Australian rules player,

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Ashcroft had the ability to punch a ball almost half the length of the pitch



1905

The Gunners take on Notts County at The Manor Ground on April 15, 1905



Harry Bradshaw

which served him well in the tough environs of English football. Bradshaw allowed Jackson to introduce zonal marking to the Club, and he was ruthless in his pursuit of points. When the going got tough in a league game he told a team mate: "We're not here to show fancy play. We're here to get points. When we can't get two, we can at least make sure of one."

In the 1903/1904 campaign, Woolwich

Arsenal were finally promoted to the top flight. The team made an excellent start to the campaign, winning their first eight games, and Briercliffe, Gooing and Coleman scored goals seemingly at will. Both Burton and Leicester Fosse were thrashed 8-0 at home, and throughout the season, the Club's home record was superb. Woolwich Arsenal didn't lose a single game at the Manor Ground, and but for draws against Burslem Port Vale and champions Preston, their home record would have been perfect. Away from home, things weren't quite as rosy, with just six wins, but the final goal tally was incredible: 91 for, 22 against. Tommy Shanks was the league's leading scorer with 25 goals. Of the 20 players who appeared for the team that season, only two of them had been at the Club since before the arrival of Harry Bradshaw. His impact on the Club couldn't be underestimated but apart from 20,000 plus crowds turning up to the Manchester United and Preston games, average gates were still relatively modest, tending to average out around the 12,000 mark.

Bafflingly, with the Club's supporters looking forward to their first top flight campaign, Harry Bradshaw abruptly resigned in June 1904, and announced that he'd accepted an offer from Southern League Fulham to take up the managerial reins. Bradshaw once again proved his mettle at Fulham, taking them into the

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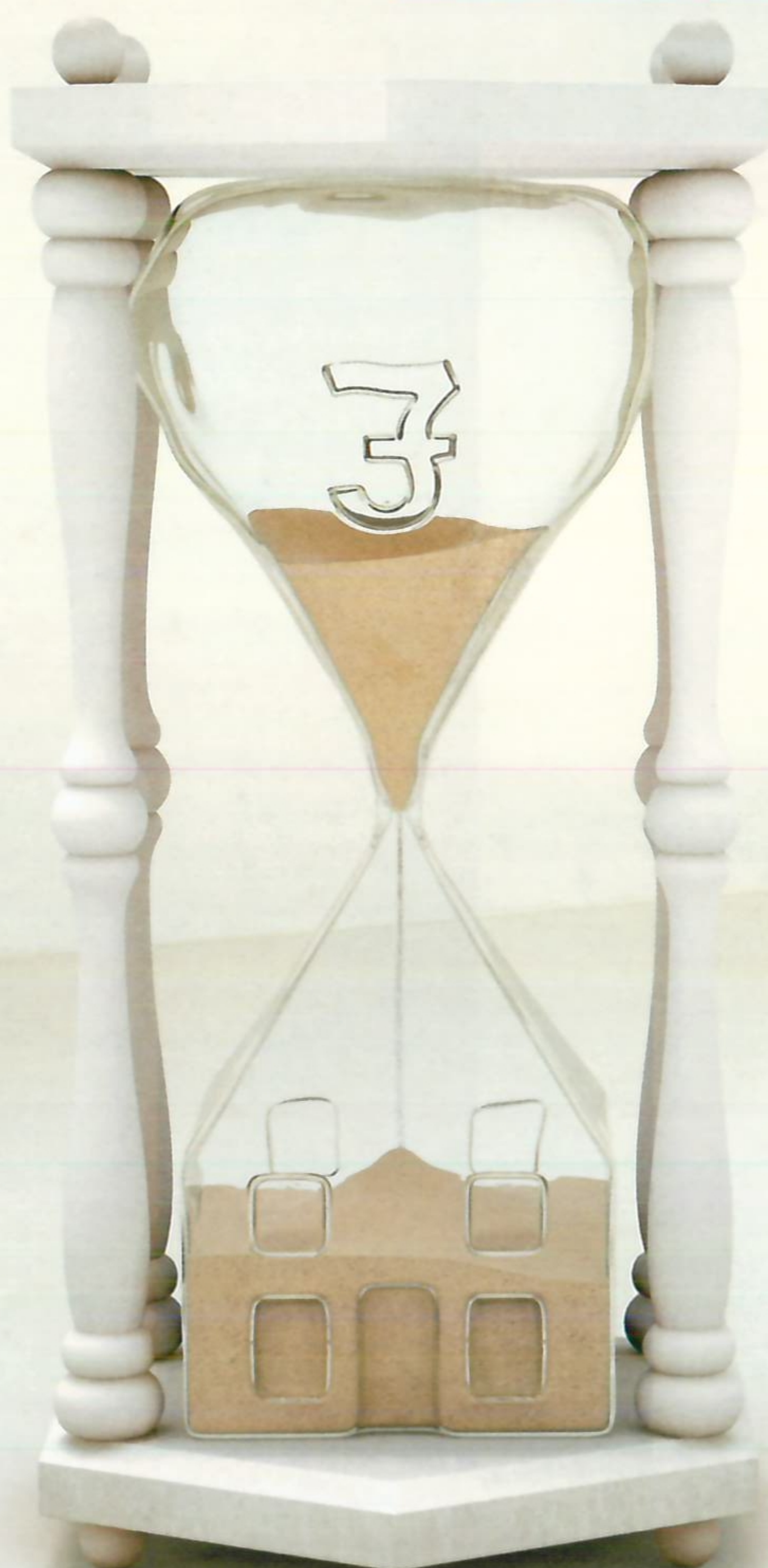
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Football League three years later, but it was disappointing for Woolwich Arsenal to lose a manager – their first great manager – at such a crucial juncture in their history. Hibernian boss Phil Kelso was chosen by the board to succeed Bradshaw, and he trawled around the north of England and Scotland to bring fresh talent to the newly promoted outfit. The mercurial Scottish left-back Bobby Templeton arrived in time for the 1904/05 season, and he immediately became a crowd favourite. A hairdresser



Phil Kelso

Bradshaw allowed Jackson to introduce zonal marking to the Club

by trade, he had the ability to swerve the ball in a virtual semi-circle. Moody, inconsistent and prone to miss training, a journalist wrote of him: “When he’s good, he’s very good. When he’s bad, he’s horrid.” There was also the

phenomenal shooting power of 16 stone Charlie Satterthwaite, whose ferocious shooting once smashed the stanchion.

The gates for Woolwich Arsenal’s inaugural season in the top flight were excellent, surging up to the 20,000 mark, and now the Club could make around £1,000 in gate money every home game.

The team finished tenth that season, but the big problem was their inconsistency.

It’s no exaggeration to claim that if Bradshaw had still been at the Club, then he would have been able to inject more new talent into the team, in truth, Kelso struggling to recruit players of the level required. He kept the team which had gained promotion largely intact, and players like Gooing and Coleman found the step up in class difficult, and their goal tallies fell accordingly. Only Charlie Satterthwaite reached double figures in the 1904/1905 season, and it was clear that if the Club wished to progress to the next step, they needed to invest more keenly in players. Nonetheless, Kelso deserves a huge amount of credit for steering the Club safely into mid-table in their first season in the top flight.

Woolwich Arsenal may not have been reaching for the stars, but were making steady progress nonetheless.

HISTORY BRIEF

The winner of Arsenal’s archery lottery was a Mr Grubb of 190 Plumstead Road. He won £50 (around £3,000 in today’s money)

Centre-half Percy Sands (pictured below) was the Club’s first truly great servant, playing 327 games between 1902 and 1919



The short, fast passing style which Bradshaw encouraged at Woolwich Arsenal drew plaudits from around the world. Even Canada’s coach came to Woolwich to see the team in action in 1903

WOOLWICH ARSENAL LEAGUE RECORD (DIVISION TWO)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1901/02	34	18	6	10	50	26	42	4th
1902/03	34	20	8	6	66	30	48	3rd
1903/04	34	21	7	6	91	22	49	2nd (P)

WOOLWICH ARSENAL LEAGUE RECORD (DIVISION ONE)

1904/05	34	12	9	13	36	40	33	10th
1905/06	38	15	7	16	62	64	37	12th

FA CUP RECORD

1901/02 First Round
1902/03 First Round
1903/04 Second Round
1904/05 First Round
1905/06 Semi-Final



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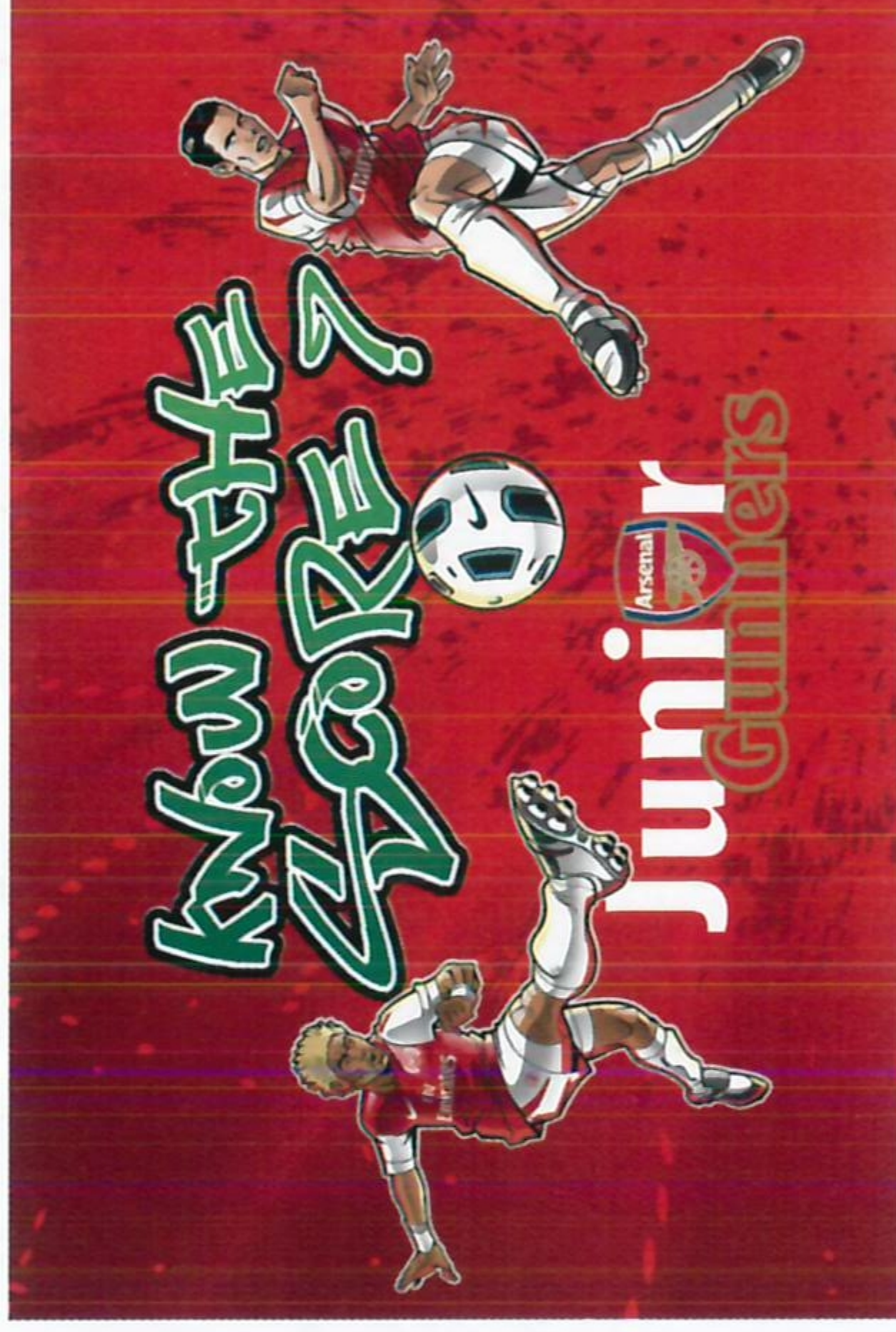
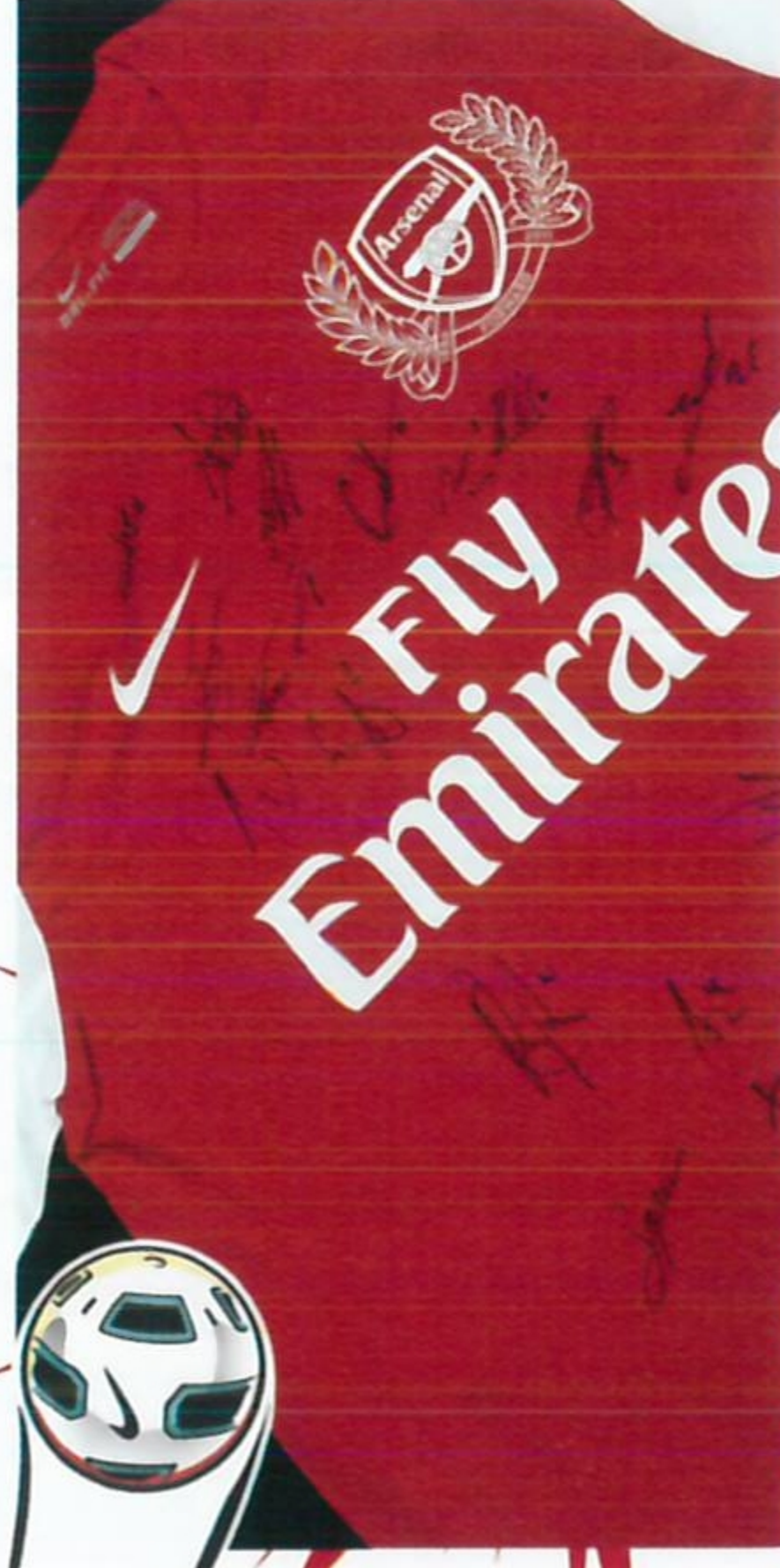
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ARSENAL MASOCOT

My name is **Zac**

My age is **7**

I live in

Harrow

My hobbies are **football and art**

My favourite player is

Robin van Persie

I'd like to tell you

I play football for

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Under-8s and

I have been a

Junior Gunner for

five years. The first

match I saw was

Arsenal v Sheffield

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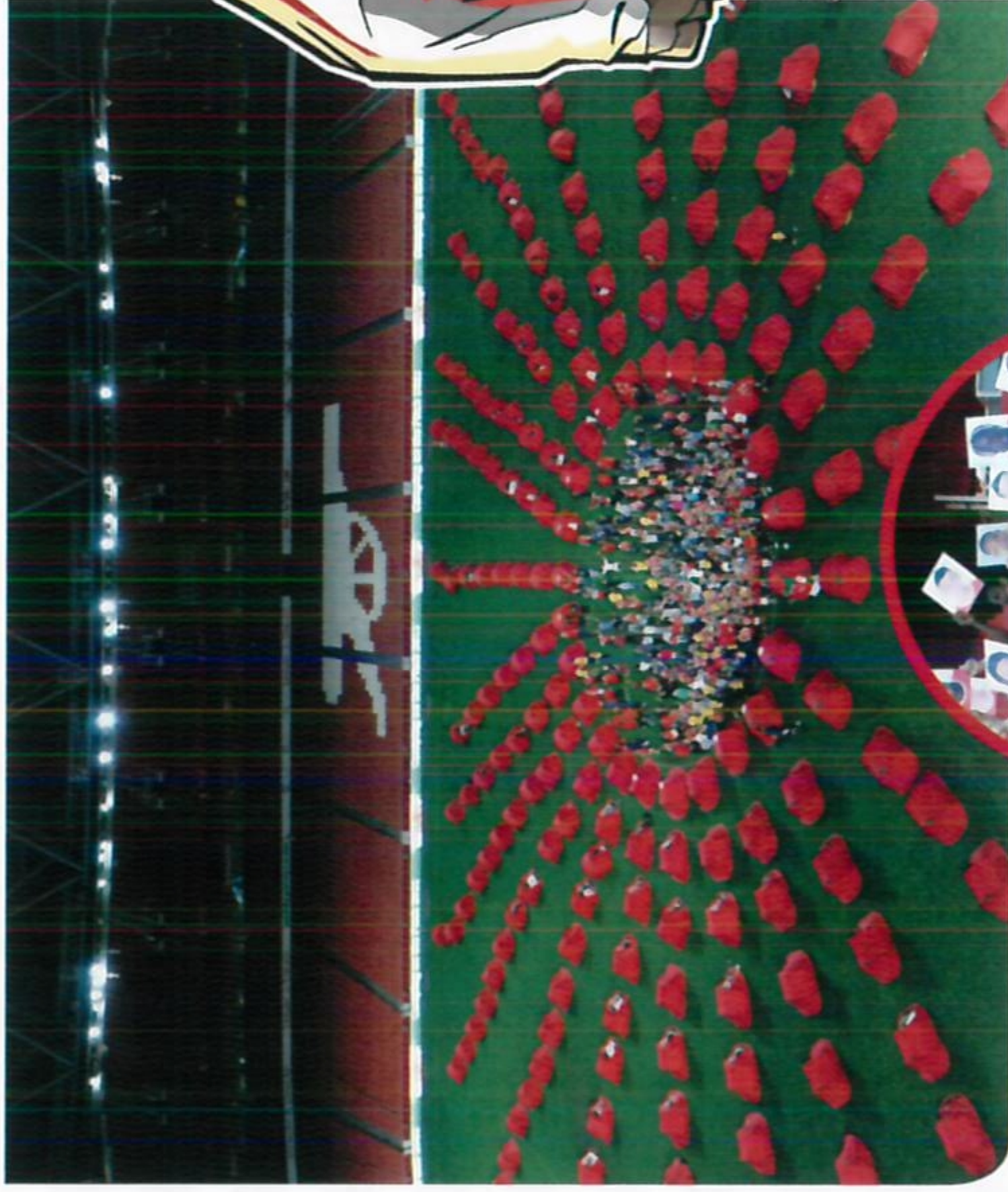
Cup and Eduardo

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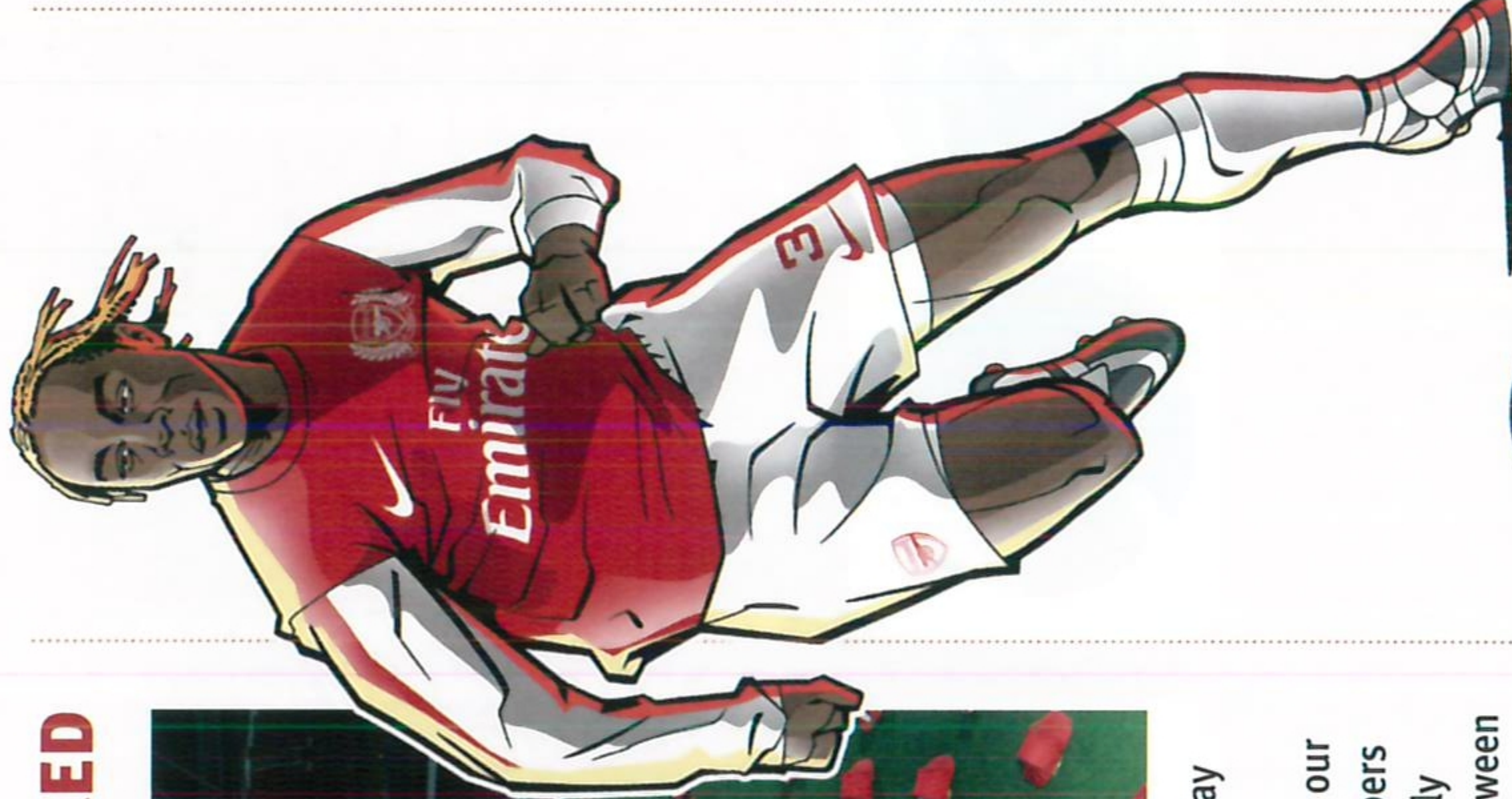
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This season we kick-off with

Gunner's Play Day for our Welcome to our World members which is closely

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BOLTON MASCOT

My name is **Callum**

My age is **9**

My hobbies are

football, cricket and swimming

My favourite player is **Kevin Davies**



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Inside Arsenal

A Question of Support

WE ASK FIRST-TEAMERS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS LINKED TO SAVE THE CHILDREN'S WORK, THE SKIPPER IS NEXT IN LINE

Who first spotted your potential as a footballer and where were you?

My dad when we were at home.

Tell us a key moment that helped you fulfill your footballing potential?

To play for Excelsior (Rotterdam) when I was just five years old.

What's the best thing about belonging to a team?

The humour.

Other than football, what do you think you have the potential to be very good at?

Table tennis, golf, ten-pin bowling, tennis and pool.

What's the worst illness you've suffered and when was it?

I had food poisoning before a game versus Ajax when I was with Feyenoord and was very sick for a couple of days as a result.

What did you have to do to get better?

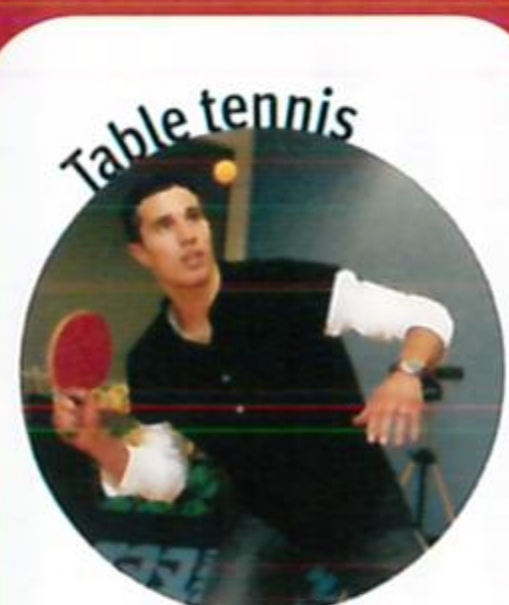
I rested and got better after a few days.

What's the longest you've had to go without food and how did it make you feel?

I'm not sure in hours but I remember feeling starving.

Which food would you miss most if you were told you could never eat it again?

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I love food – there's not many things I don't like!

Which young players that you have seen recently do you think have great potential?

Ryo Miyaichi, Neymar (Santos) and Georgino Wijnaldum (PSV Eindhoven).

Tell us three things you loved about your education?

I loved every bit of it!

...and three things you didn't like?

Probably just the short break half-way through the school day wasn't long enough; it was only 30 minutes.

Which subject would you like to go back to school and study again – and why?

Maths – let's just say there was room for improvement ha ha!

What are your happiest memories from your childhood?

Feeling free and able to do what I wanted whenever I wanted.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

I think what everyone would wish; that everyone has food, a roof above their head and no war – oh, and nice weather in London!

Through its community and charitable initiatives Arsenal makes a meaningful difference to the lives of young people and their communities home and away. The Club's global charity partner, Save the Children will help Arsenal reach more young people through a number of education schemes, helping them reach their potential.



Save the Children's mission is to save children's lives, fight for their rights and help them fulfil their potential. This is achieved by delivering long-term programmes and emergency aid in over 120 countries and putting children at the heart of everything they do



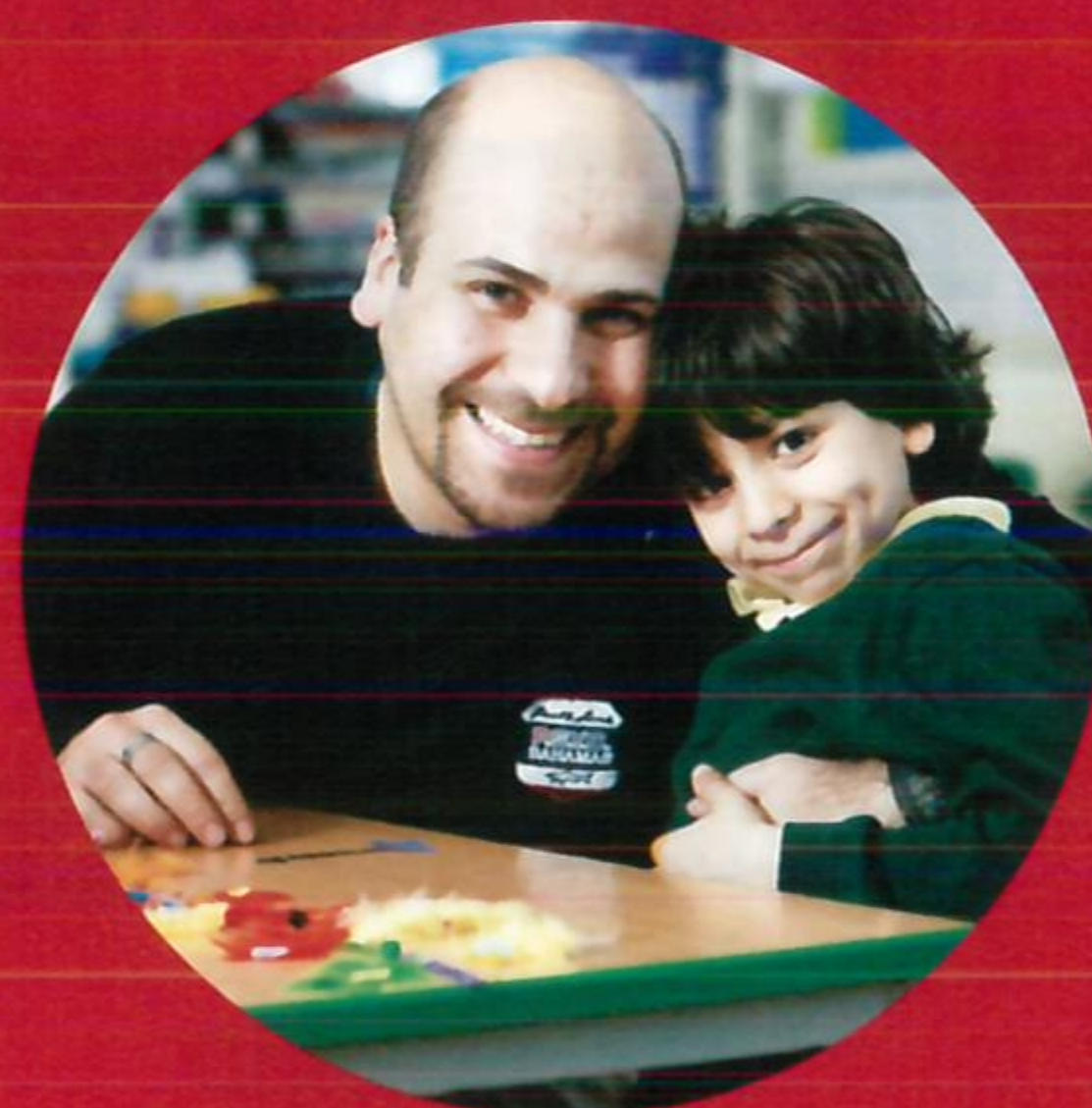
Save the Children

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Education is a key route out of poverty, but there is still a huge divide between how well children living in poverty do at school in the UK compared to their wealthier counterparts.

Save the Children helps families and schools work together to make sure the poorest children



get every chance for a better start in life. Through our 'Families and Schools Together' (FAST) programme we aim to strengthen and build positive relationships between schools, families and local communities to help children grow and reach their full potential. Aimed at three to five year olds, the project increases parents' engagement in their children's education by encouraging them to perform everyday tasks and develop their skills together.

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All our love Jem, Clare, (little) Eddie and Mary

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Love Grandpa Mac and Uncles John and Ben

★ DECKY WALSH Happy Birthday and have a great holiday with Catherine.

Love Spud, Joanne and Sam xxx

★ Happy 16th Birthday Gooner SAM DOYLE of Leyland From the Gooners in Swanley xxx

★ Happy Birthday DAD (DAVE WIGGINS)

Love Emma, Stuart, Mike and Archie xxx

★ Congratulations TOMMY HAYES from Cork, Ireland, a third generation Gooner on your first Emirates match. From Da and Daddy

★ Congratulations JOANNE WIGGETT and MATTHEW BOWEN who marry today. We wish you many years of happiness together. With love, Mum and Dad xxx

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Hope your day is as special as you are.

Love, Hilary, Joe, Matt and Ellie xxx

★ Happy Birthday DADDY 'SUPERSTAR' Lots of love, your mini 'Superstars' Arthur and Connie xxx

★ Happy 16th Birthday AARON GARDNER

The best son and brother any family could have.

Love Mum, Rochelle and family xxx

★ Happy 40th Birthday NEIL BOWERS

Love Jane and Lucy xxx

REMEMBERING

MAX HOLBROOK

Baby Gooner from day one. Such a short life from May 6, 2011 – July 30, 2011. We will love our little man forever and always. Mum, Dad, Nans, Grandads, family and everyone else xxx

GARY BURNS

Who sadly passed away on July 4, 2011 aged 28. Gary was one of life's true gentlemen, an absolute legend. You will be missed. Sleep well Burnsey. Love all the boys.

STELLA MAVIS WILKS

May 17, 1928 – July 26, 2011. A true Arsenal supporter forever. Goodbye from husband Stan, son Steve and daughter Shelley.

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and Tia xxx

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From your
friends at Arsenal

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degree at Swansea
University and your
commute back for
games! Love Mum, Dad,
Mary and Kirsty

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birthday to
Jack Dukes
love Mum and
Dad, Uncle Stevie,
Nan and Grandad

Happy Belated
Birthday **Tom Tuthill**
Lots of love from
your family
and friends
xxx

Happy Birthday
DAVID DALGARNO
Lots of love from your
Gooner daughters,
Jo and Jess xxx

★ MATT MAYS Happy Birthday Matt, hope you have a great day. Love Mum and Tony

★ JOE MARJASON, aged seven

Welcome to your first match and have a wonderful day. Love from Bonkers Auntie Debbie xxx

★ Happy Birthday ANDREW CULLIP and we hope you enjoy the match!

★ KEN ELLIS Hope today is a good one!

Wishing you a happy 50th Birthday.

Love Beverley, Charlotte and Dani xxx

★ Happy 21st Birthday SOPHIE BEADLE
Congratulations! From Mum, Dad & Co.

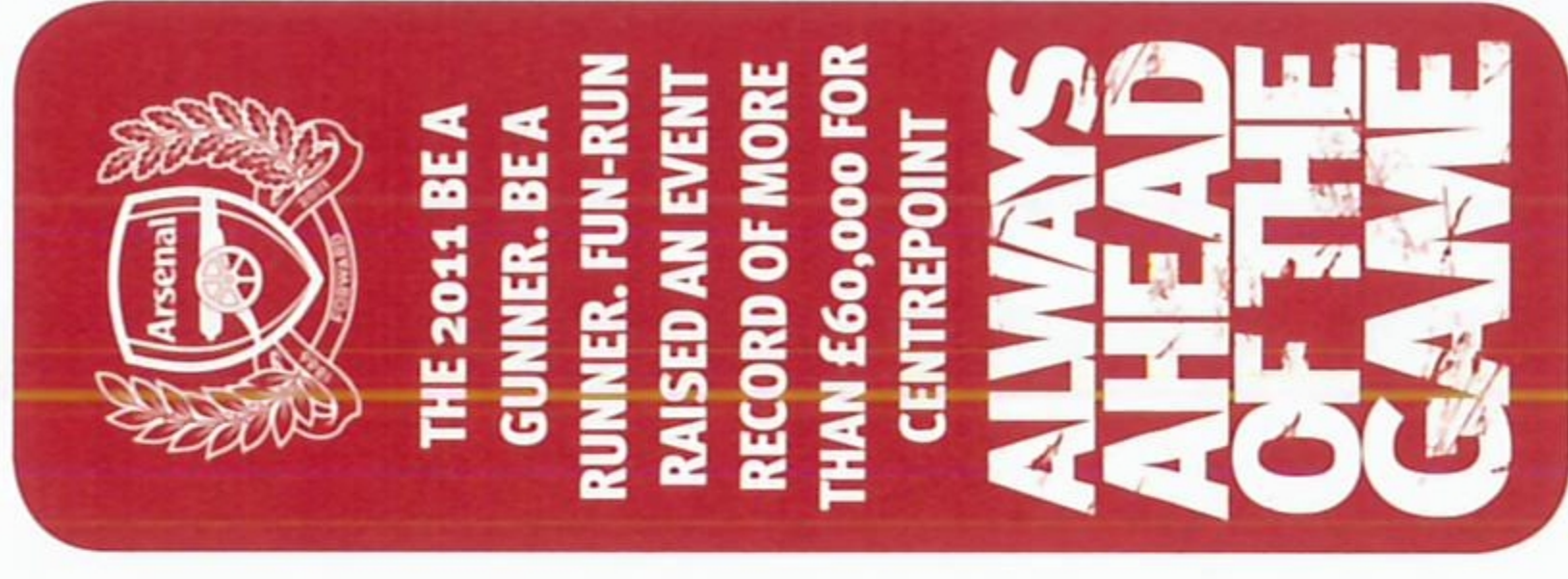
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Inside Arsenal



Playing for Success



THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMMES



Arsenal in the Community is committed to improving the lives of local young people and giving them opportunities to thrive and become the best they can be.

Our two social inclusion programmes, Arsenal Kickz and Arsenal Positive Futures, aim to engage young people over a long period of time. You can see here that the activities on offer go far beyond football.

KICKZ

Young people on our Westminster Kickz session enjoyed a self-defence class with former world Karate champion John Nambi. **(1)**

Participants from our Arsenal Kickz played Southampton Kickz in an U19s 11-a-side-game both home and away, before taking part in two educational workshops on sexual health and dangers associated with gang membership. Participant Andrew said: "The workshop opened my eyes to the issues that I might face when in a relationship and made me more sexually aware." Lead coach Jamie Monteith said: "Some of the young people we deal with

have never been out of London and for them this was a great chance to meet new people and learn how to act outside their local community, I am very proud of how the boys acted throughout the day." **(2 and 3)**

For more information contact Jamie at **jmonteith@arsenal.co.uk or 020 7704 4145**

POSITIVE FUTURES

Positive Futures targets young people in the local community who are 'hard to reach'. This summer, players from the Islington project were invited to join a development side at the Arsenal International Festival and play against sides from all over the world. Dean Miller coached the team to the final and said: "Returning to this tournament always brings new experiences and the young people are always happy to play against teams from abroad as they learn different styles of football played by other cultures." **(4)**

Twenty-seven young people from the Positive Futures project from estates across Islington also went on a residential trip this summer to an activity centre outside London.

Chosen as a reward for their regular attendance at sessions and good behaviour, they took part in a range of activities such as kayaking, raft building, tunnelling and various team building activities on the water. **(5)**

Our Positive Futures project is run in partnership with Homes for Islington. For more information contact Dean at **dmiller@arsenal.co.uk or 020 7704 4114**

DOUBLE CLUB

During the school holidays, Arsenal in the Community ran holiday Double Clubs on four Islington estates, thanks to funding from the Premier League and PFA Community Fund. Arsenal Double Club is usually delivered in after-school clubs but is easily adaptable to other settings. Young people spent four days improving their literacy and football skills through taking part in classroom and then coaching sessions. On the fifth day, the groups visited the stadium **(6)** as a reward for spending their summer doing academic work! For more information, contact Samir at **ssingh@arsenal.co.uk or 0207 704 4158**

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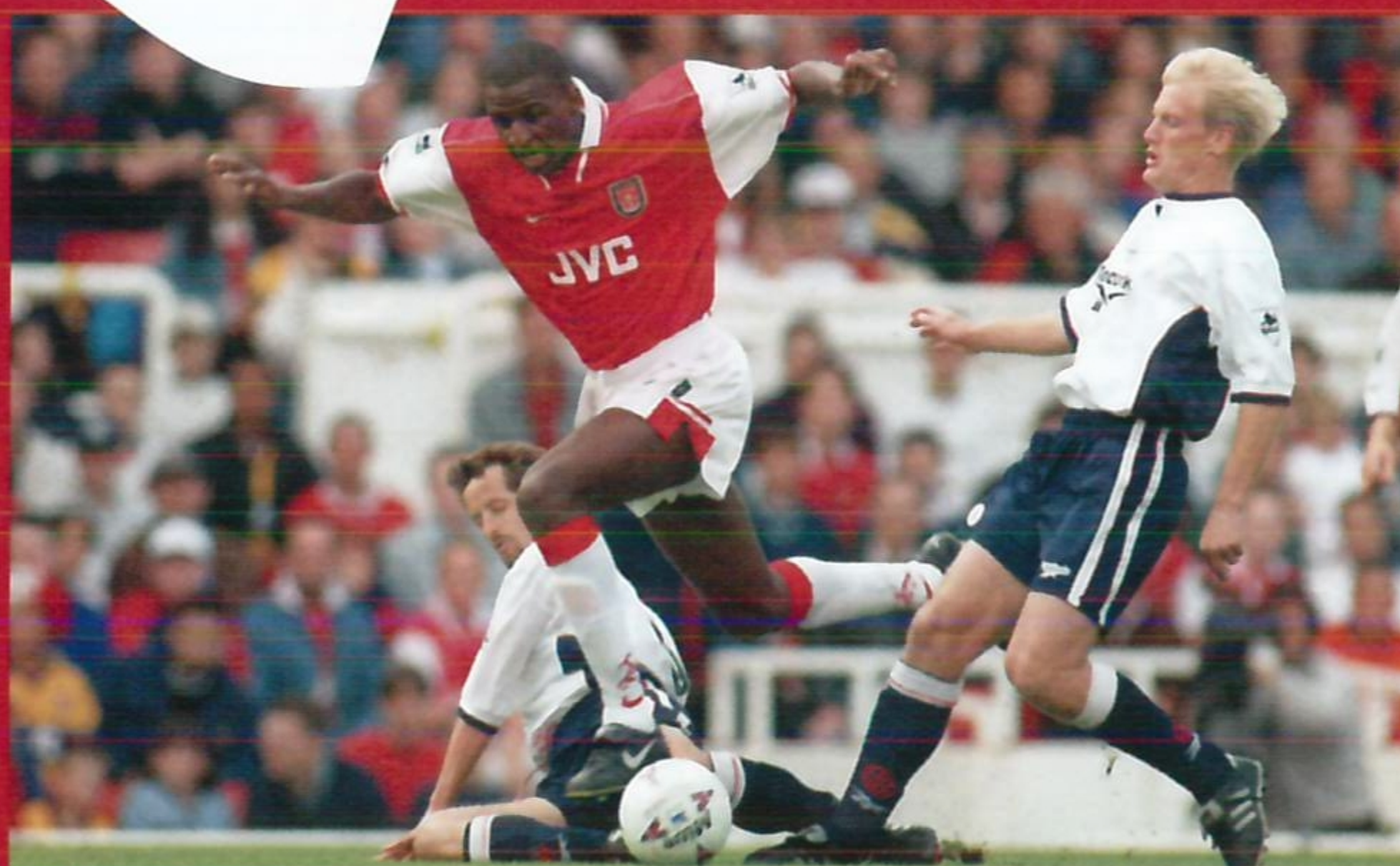
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QUIZ

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

Which Arsenal player...

Scored twice against Arsenal in a 4-4 draw?



- 1** In what season was this game played?
- 2** Who was in goal for Arsenal?
- 3** Who scored a hat-trick for Arsenal?
- 4** And who gave Bolton a shock lead?
- 5** What was the final score?



WHOSE BOOTS ARE THESE?

Name the first team squad player with the fancy footwear

WHO AM I?



WHICH THREE PLAYERS ARE PICTURED IN THIS MONTAGE?

RAPID FIRE

EACH ANSWER IS A...
MEMBER OF ARSENAL'S BACKROOM STAFF

- Which Gunners coach was born in what is now Bosnia?
- Who won 49 caps for his country?
- Whose predecessor in his current position was his cousin?
- Which coach was playing League One football last season?



DOUBLE CLUB CHALLENGE The Double Club is Arsenal in the Community's award winning education programme. Whose squad number is this? ★ Start with 4★X13★-16★square root★+27★divide by 11★Square it★X8★+18★X2★divide by 12



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ARSENAL UNCOVERED

REG LEWIS: THE REAL GREATEST GOALSCORER

TONY ATTWOOD UNEARTHES UNUSUAL EPISODES FROM THE CLUB'S PAST

Arsenal's record during the 1930s was something to behold: league champions five times, runners up once, FA Cup winners once, losing finalists once.

Imagine then being signed as a schoolboy by Arsenal in 1935, making your debut on January 1, 1938 – and scoring. It must have seemed for Reg Lewis that the world of football was opening before him. Especially as he went on to score 43 goals for the reserves in 1938/39 – the most goals scored by an Arsenal player in a single league season.

But then the war broke out, and the league abandoned its programme after just three matches. We drew with Wolves and beat Blackburn and Sunderland. Our first unbeaten season!

In October 1939 Arsenal joined the new wartime leagues – although with Highbury taken over as an Air Raid Precaution centre Arsenal played home fixtures at White Hart Lane.

Despite the fact that this was wartime, games could still get crowds of over 30,000 (although officially the ground capacities were much reduced in order to facilitate evacuations in an emergency). The matchday programmes cost 1d (about 0.3p) and carried the front page warning in bold that, "In the event of an Air Raid Warning being received, the Police will instruct the Referee to stop the game when they deem it necessary and the players will leave the field. Spectators must take shelter and remain under cover until the 'All Clear' has been given."

Reg joined the army at the start of

the war in 1939, and rose to the rank of sergeant, while continuing to play for Arsenal. He scored 143 goals in 130 wartime games including four goals in the Football League Cup (South) final against Charlton at Wembley on May 1, 1943, in front of a record wartime crowd of 75,000.

In August 1945 he joined the British Army of the Rhine upon its formation, and as a result only played three times for Arsenal in 1945/46, but still managed two goals, including one in the very last wartime match – a 2-1 home win over West Ham on 4 May 4, 1946. But with Reg unable to get to Arsenal, Arsenal went to him, organising a match against the Combined Services at his base in Dusseldorf. Reg dutifully scored twice in a 6-1 Arsenal victory.

Totting it all up, and including his wartime goals, Reg is actually Arsenal's all-time top scorer with 392 goals at all levels. No one else comes even close.

Although Reg scored 29 goals in 28 games in 1946/47 it was clear that with injuries mounting, he needed someone with whom to share the load. And so in December George Allison brought in another proven goal scorer: Ronnie Rooke.

Despite Ronnie being a 35 year-old having never played in the first division before, the plan worked. Ronnie got 21 goals in 24 League matches in his first season, while in the championship winning season of 1947/48 he scored an unbelievable 33 League goals. With Reg's 14 from 28 games he at last got the league winner's medal he so thoroughly deserved. ■



Reg Lewis (top) and Highbury during the war

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NEXT PROGRAMME
**ARSENAL AND THE
DISAPPEARING
PLAYERS**



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Arsenal Asks...

THE PAGE WHERE YOU HAVE YOUR SAY – AND FIND OUT WHAT OTHER FANS ARE THINKING TOO

@twitjja via Twitter

“Looking forward to meeting Man United again – A VERY DIFFERENT STORY! Also, ‘Premiership Stars R Us’ aka Man City too!”

@the_gooners_jkt via Twitter

“Arsenal vs Man United at Emirates. It’s pay back time to overcome mental hurdle. And the home fans must be going craaaaaazy!”

@jonnyTH14 via Twitter

“The North London Derby on October 2 at WHL. Nothing more satisfying than beating them at their place and its payback time for the 3-2 game last season!”

George Worby via email

“Manchester City at home. There’s a statement to be made when City visit later this season. A repeat of last season’s dull o-o looks far from reoccurring, especially with the return of certain ex-players!”

@aeroberg via Twitter

“Arsenal v Barcelona. Because you know it’s going to happen. Football ironic!”

@rishgoon via Twitter

“Manchester United at home. Need to turn away result around as soon as we can #pride!”

@ManDevu_ii via Twitter

“Arsenal v Man City. I want to see Nasri’s face drop when we beat them!”

@ryan_love via Twitter

“I’m looking forward to when we inevitably get drawn against Barcelona in the Champions League, because hopefully this time we can win over two legs!”

@andids90 via Twitter

“Hard question. I look forward to every single Arsenal game :). If had to pick one, Man City game, show ex-Gunners who’s the boss!”

@pjm1960 via Twitter

“Norwich City at home. Canaries are a welcome addition to the Premier League!”

@Marxfamily via Twitter

“All games! I just want to fly out from South Africa and put my arms round AW and tell him ‘it’s going to be ok!’”

@Serowka11 via Twitter

“Can’t wait for Swansea away, another new ground to go towards my goal of completing the 92 before I hit 30!”

@kenechris via Twitter

“Man U game. I want revenge!”

@cobleymike2711 via Twitter

“Marseille at home, will be my first game back after climbing Mount Kilimanjaro on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support!”

@Mikeymike2711 via Twitter

“Sun 2nd Oct. Revenge. It’s been too long!”



TIME MACHINE

Next time we want you to answer the following question...

Which Arsenal match would you most like to go back in time to witness and why?

Tweet your answers to us at @ArsenalMagazine, or email to programme@arsenal.co.uk

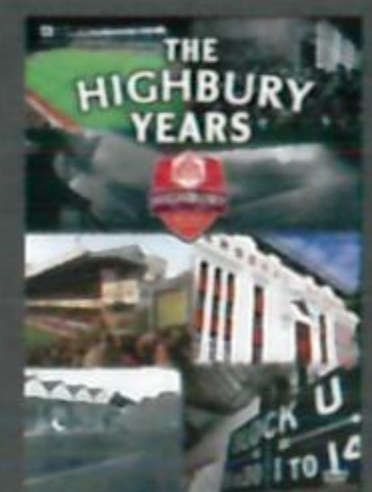
We will print a selection of the responses in the Sunderland programme on October 16.

Remember, the Prize Answer will win a copy of The Highbury Years on dvd.

PRIZE ANSWER

@rolzatronic5000 via Twitter

“Arsenal v QPR – it’s a derby and I’m coming all the way from South Africa just to watch Arsenal play at the Emirates!”



Match Action

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011, EWOOD PARK, 22,637

	BLACKBURN Yakubu 24, 58, Song 50 (og), Koscielny 68 (og)	4
	ARSENAL Gervinho 10, Arteta 33, Chamakh 84	3
GAME NO 08	AWAY FANS 4,300	

 Arsenal fell to a 4-3 defeat at Ewood Park. An excellent start by the Gunners saw them take a deserved lead as Gervinho shot across Paul Robinson. The hosts equalised through an adroit finish from Yakubu but Mikel Arteta fired home sweetly to go into half-time 2-1 up.

Everything changed after the break. First, Ruben Rochina's cross struck Alex Song and trickled past Wojciech Szczesny – then Yakubu tapped in from close range and a Martin Olsson cutback went into the net off Laurent Koscielny to make it 4-2. A late Marouane Chamakh header gave Arsenal hope, but defensive errors had undone the men in red and white.■

Arsenal Szczesny, Sagna (Djourou 52), Koscielny, Mertesacker, Santos, Ramsey, Song (Chamakh 76) Arteta, Gervinho, Van Persie, Arshavin (Walcott 64)
Subs not used Fabianski, Gibbs, Coquelin, Benayoun
★**Shots on** 9 ★**Shots off** 14
★**Corners** 13 ★**Offsides** 1 ★**Fouls** 11
★**Yellow card** Djourou

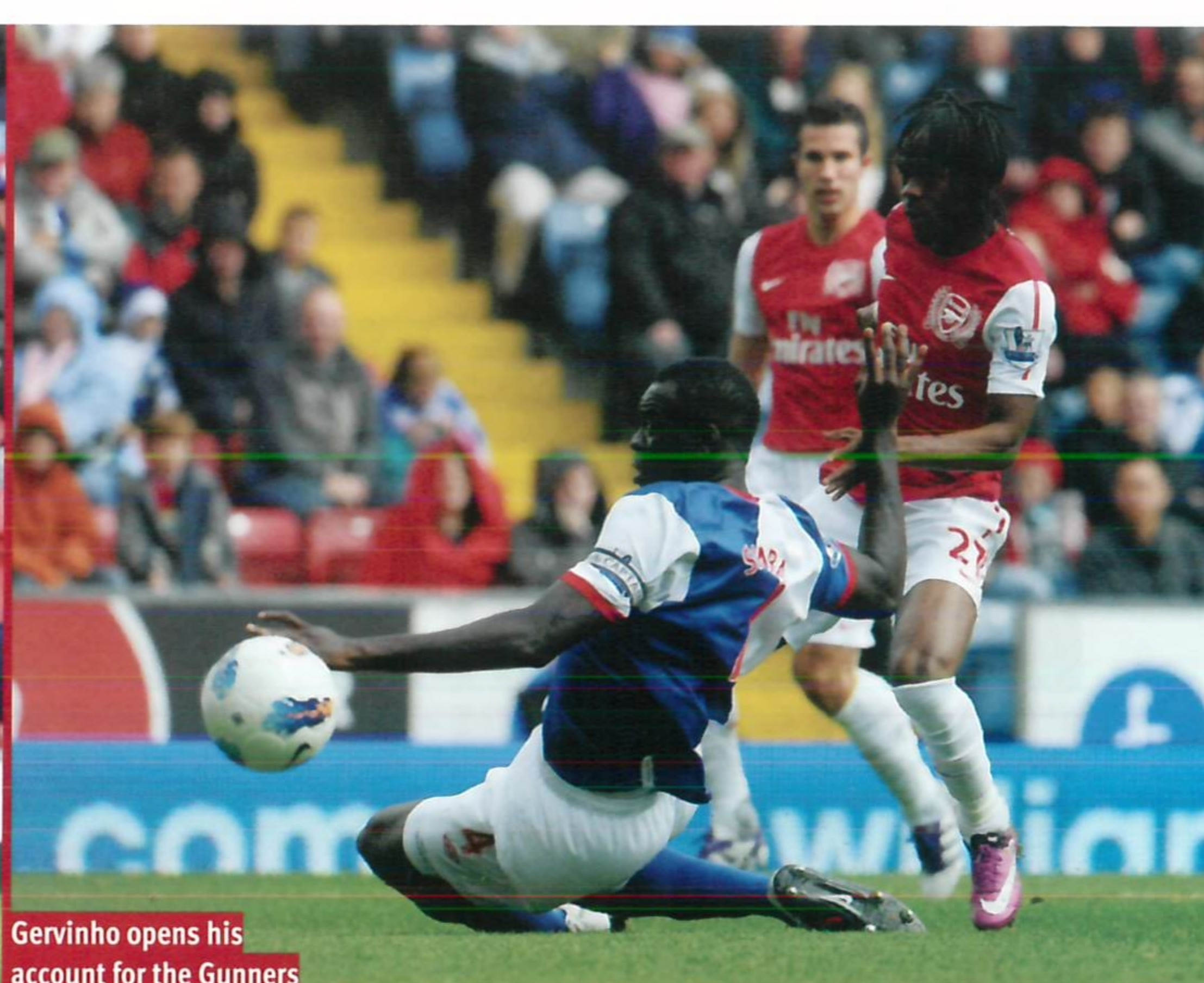
Blackburn Rovers Robinson, Salgado (Petrovic 15), Samba, Dann, Givet, Lowe, Nzonzi, Hoilett, Formica (Vukcevic 65), Rochina (Olsson 55), Yakubu
Subs not used Bunn, Hanley, Grella
★**Shots on** 4 ★**Shots off** 4
★**Corners** 2 ★**Offsides** 2 ★**Fouls** 14
★**Yellow cards** Dann, Olsson

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Theo Walcott evades Paul Robinson





Gervinho opens his account for the Gunners



Mikel Arteta expertly fires Arsenal back into the lead



Marouane Chamakh thumps in Arsenal's third goal



The Ivory Coast star gets a cross in

KEIR
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OUR WORLD FOOTBALL EXPERT CASTS
HIS EYE OVER SOME LEGAL WRANGLINGS



 George Eastham was an Arsenal hero of the 1960s who owns a very particular place in football history. Eastham was one of those singular individuals who had the strength of character to stand up for himself in court against the establishment.

His High Court action against Newcastle United ended the retain-and-transfer system which granted clubs tied-ownership rights over the comings and goings of their players.

In the early 1990s Belgian midfielder Jean-Marc Bosman revolutionised world football after taking on his club, FC Liege, the Belgian FA and UEFA in the European Court of Justice.

In narrow terms Bosman’s success secured players a right to walk free on the expiry of a contract; the wider consequences were an end to foreign-player restrictions, the extension to the UK of the continental transfer-window system and transfer of enormous power to the most outstanding players.

Clearly, football would become ungovernable if players, officials, clubs, leagues or national associations ran to the civil courts around the world with every grievance. That was the concern behind the creation, in 1984, of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The groundwork was put in by the International Olympic Committee which has its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland; hence Lausanne is also the home of CAS.

Not only football but all other major sports federations amended their statutes to bind all members to an acceptance of whatever decision CAS might reach over disputes about contracts, transfers, doping

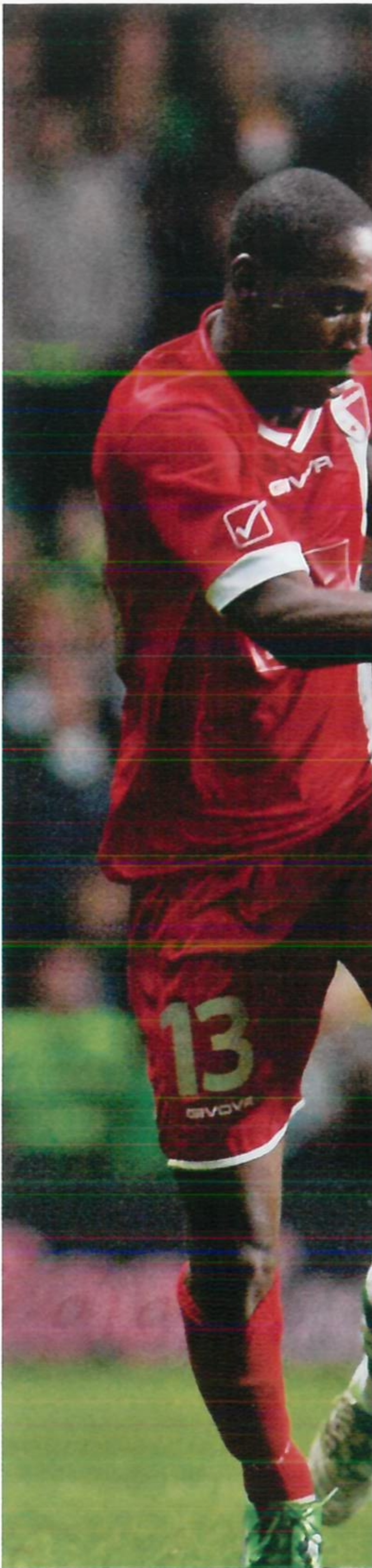
punishments etc. The problem with CAS is that, as a quasi-judicial body, its procedures take time – too much time for it to respond effectively to the demands placed upon it by fast-moving football. This has proved an exacerbating feature in the confrontation between Swiss club Sion on the one side and world federation FIFA, Europe’s UEFA and the Swiss domestic federation on the other.

Kick-off was well over three years ago, in January 2008, when Sion signed Egypt goalkeeper Essam Al Hadary from Al Ahly. The Egyptian club objected but it was not until June 2009 that FIFA’s disputes resolution committee found against Sion and imposed a two-window transfer ban.

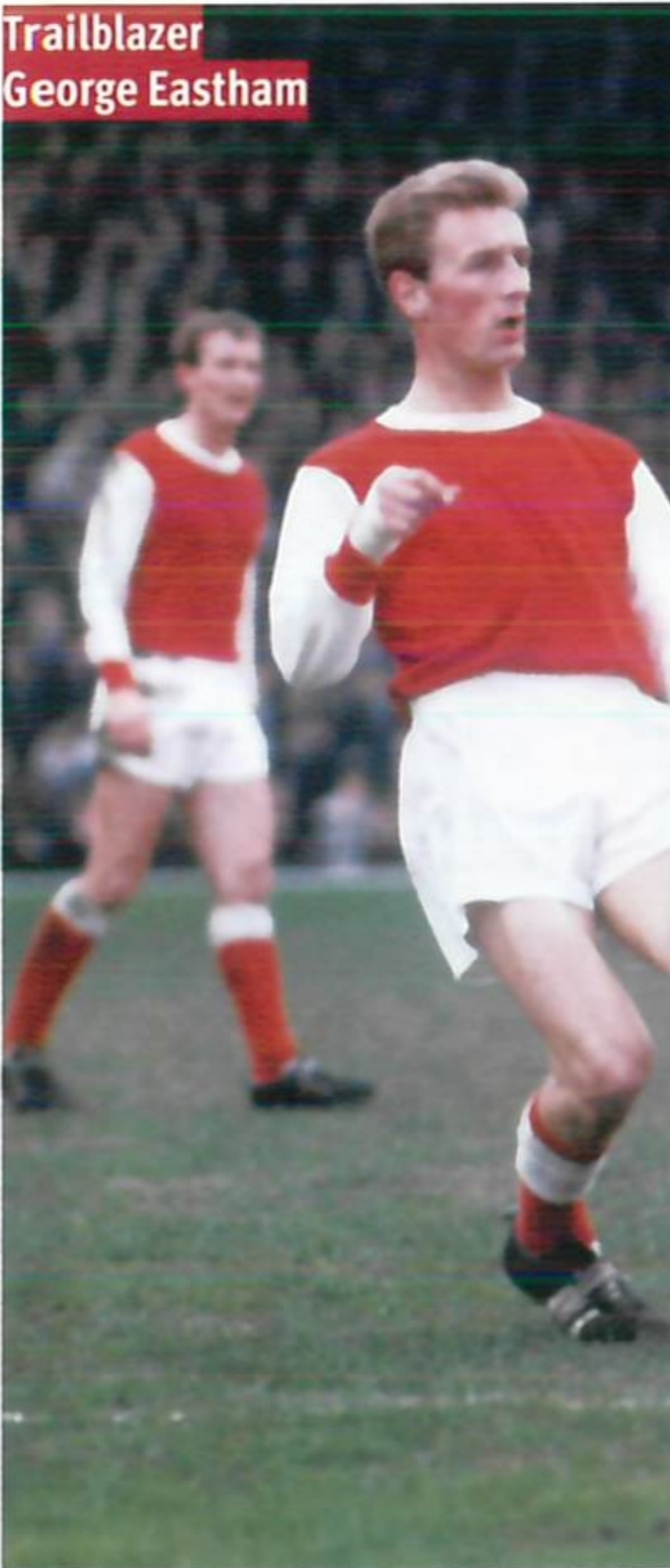
Sion appealed to CAS which lifted the transfer ban pending completion of its own deliberations. But CAS did not deliver its own judgment until June 2010, a year after FIFA’s verdict – two and a half years after the ‘signing’. CAS rejected Sion’s appeal, thus reinstating the two-window transfer ban. Sion believed it came into effect then and there, in mid-summer 2010 – by which time they had signed at least three new players – and was completed with the closing of the January 2011 window.

FIFA, by contrast, considered the ban applied to this year’s two subsequent full windows. Hence the furore when Sion signed half a dozen players this past summer and fielded various of them in both the Swiss and Europa Leagues (against Celtic).

By the time the Europa League group



Trailblazer
George Eastham





Celtic take on transfer renegades Sion

stage was due to start the appellate procedures within CAS, within the Swiss federal courts and within UEFA had fallen hopelessly out of sync; a sort of slow-motion, sports/legal car crash.

Hence Sion beat Celtic in the Europa League play-offs but UEFA expelled Sion for fielding ineligible players and slotted Celtic into the group stage. Sion – with CAS not ready to hear its appeal – went to the Swiss civil courts which ordered their Europa League reinstatement at a hearing called so swiftly UEFA was not represented.

UEFA ignored the court and told Celtic to play. Hence the Scots duly kicked off the

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

FRANCE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyon	6	4	2	0	11	5	14
Montpellier	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
Toulouse	6	4	1	1	10	6	13
Lille	6	3	2	1	11	8	11
Paris S-G	6	3	2	1	9	6	11
Lorient	6	2	2	1	8	5	11

GERMANY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	6	5	0	1	18	1	15
Werder Bremen	6	4	1	1	12	6	13
Borussia Mg	6	4	1	1	8	3	13
Hoffenheim	6	4	0	2	12	5	12
Hannover	6	3	2	1	8	8	11
Stuttgart	6	3	1	2	9	4	10

ITALY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Napoli	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Juventus	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Udinese	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Cagliari	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Genoa	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Catania	2	1	1	0	1	0	4

SPAIN	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valencia	3	3	0	0	6	3	9
Betis	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
Barcelona	3	2	1	0	15	2	7
Sevilla	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Real Madrid	3	2	0	1	10	3	6
Malaga	3	2	0	1	6	2	6

group with a 2-0 defeat against Atletico in Madrid. The following day UEFA’s formal response to Sion was rejected by the Swiss civil court which ruled in favour of the club and declared the Atletico-Celtic game null and void.

UEFA rejected this verdict, insisting that Sion had contravened both its and FIFA’s statutes by going to the civil courts in the first place.

Sion’s president Christian Constantin is now threatening all manner of legal complaints against FIFA president Sepp Blatter and UEFA boss Michel Platini. As if they did not have enough on their plates right now...



TOUCHLINES

BRAZIL

Ex-Chelsea boss Luiz Felipe Scolari faces disciplinary action after squabbling with fans after his Palmeiras drew 1-1 with Avai

ARGENTINA

Ex-World Cup star Pedro Troglio became the third coaching casualty of the season when he quit struggling Argentinos Juniors after a 4-3 defeat by Estudiantes

SPAIN

World Player of the Year Leo Messi took his tally for the season to nine goals in seven games with a hat-trick in Barcelona’s 8-0 thrashing of Osasuna

ITALY

Napoli went top of Serie A after Edison Cavani hit a hat-trick to inspire a 3-1 win over champions Milan – whose consolation goal came from Alberto Aquilani

GERMANY

Revived Bayern Munich went top of the Bundesliga after winning 2-0 away to Schalke – their eighth successive win and eighth successive clean sheet.



BOLTON WANDERERS

BOLTON WILL BE BIDIDNG TO END A RUN OF FOUR SUCCESSIVE PREMIER LEAGUE DEFEATS THIS AFTERNOON



LAST LEAGUE MATCH...

Saturday, September 17
Reebok Stadium

Bolton Wanderers 1

Petrov pen 64

Norwich City 2

Pilkington 37, Johnson 42

Jaaskelainen, Knight,

Cahill, Robinson,

Boyata, Petrov, Reo-

Coker, Pratley (M

Davies 74), Tuncay

(Eagles 45), K Davies

(Ngog 45), Klasnic

Subs not used

Bogdan, Wheater,

Muamba, Kakuta



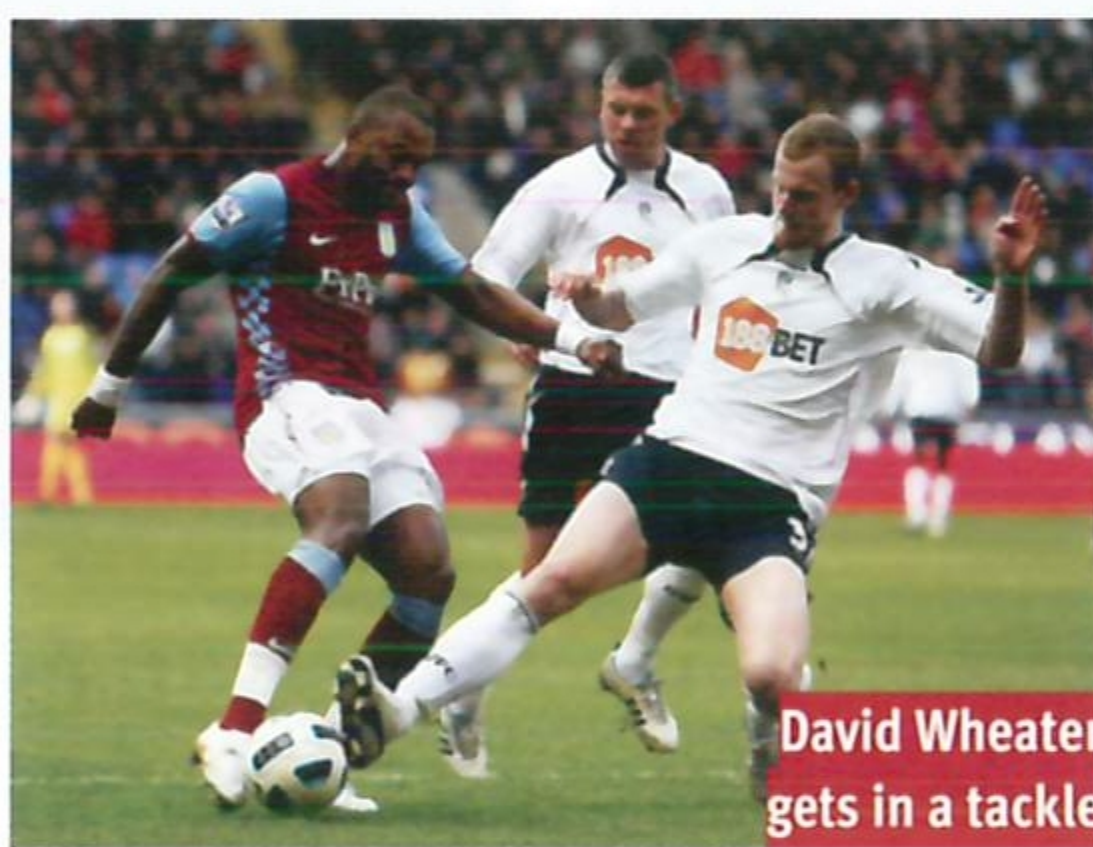
Although Owen Coyle's side boosted their confidence in midweek with a 2-0 Carling Cup victory at Aston Villa, it has been a troubled start to the new Premier League campaign for the Trotters, who find themselves occupying 19th place in the table, with only West Bromwich Albion below them on account of having scored fewer goals.

All three of Bolton's points came on the opening day of the season, on their last visit to London, when they destroyed Premier League newcomers QPR 4-0 at Loftus Road.

However, the jubilation that followed that win has largely evaporated, with the Trotters losing each of their next four matches. Admittedly, the first three of them were tough fixtures – at home to Manchester City, away to Liverpool and at home to

Manchester United – but arguably the most painful of the defeats came last Saturday when newly promoted Norwich claimed the spoils at the Reebok Stadium with a 2-1 win.

Bolton have been Premier League ever-presents since 2001, and although they have not finished in the top half of the table since the departure of Sam Allardyce as manager in 2007 – Big Sam led the club to four successive top-eight finishes – few pundits had the Lancashire club down as potential relegation candidates at the start of the current campaign.



David Wheater gets in a tackle

But if the general expectation is that Bolton will start to climb the table sooner rather than later, there will be an urgency to begin that recovery today against an Arsenal side that find themselves just two places – and one point – above them.

Coyle's men claimed a memorable last-gasp 2-1 win over the Gunners at the Reebok last April, but they subsequently lost all of their last five league games to drop from eighth place to 14th and they will take no encouragement from their Premier League record at Emirates, which has brought five

defeats in five visits, the last of them a 4-1 reverse in September 2010. Their only positive result here was when they held Arsenal 1-1 on their first visit to the venue – in the fourth round of the 2007 FA Cup (though they lost the replay 3-1 at home).

While Bolton continue to rely heavily on stalwart performers such as goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen, striker Kevin Davies and England centre-back Gary Cahill, a number of new faces arrived at the club during the summer, and the likes of Chris Eagles, Nigel Reo-Coker, David Ngog and Tuncay will want to make an impression in the early months of the campaign.

One man who will not be available this afternoon is Bolton's leading scorer so far this term, Croatian International Ivan Klasnic, who is suspended following his red card against Norwich last weekend.



New signing David Ngog
in Carling Cup action
against Aston Villa
on Tuesday

SAM RICKETTS

was a talented
horseman in
his youth –
eventually
choosing football
ahead of
equestrianism



Stuart Holden

was a
competitive
Computer
Gamer
prior to his
football career

Ricardo Gardner
made his debut
for Jamaican side
Harbour View at
the age of just

14

Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers

PAUL ROBINSON



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Watford, West Brom

Paul joined Bolton from West Bromwich Albion in the summer of 2009 on a season-long loan before making the deal permanent halfway through the campaign. Since then he has made the left-back berth his own and has started all five league games this term. The 32 year-old made 238 appearances in all competitions for the Baggies over a six-year spell that incorporated a number of promotions and relegations between the top two divisions. He also had a lengthy spell with his hometown club Watford before moving to Albion in 2003. ■

CHRIS EAGLES



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Man United, Watford (loan), Sheff Wed (loan), Watford (loan), NEC Nijmegen (loan), Burnley

A summer acquisition from Burnley, right-winger Chris rejoined his former boss Owen Coyle and scored his first goal for the club at Aston Villa last Tuesday night.

He starred in Burnley's 2-0 win over Arsenal in the 2007/08 League Cup Quarter-Final and was a key figure in the club's promotion from the Championship.

Formerly with Man United, his most memorable moment for the club was a late goal at Everton that clinched the 2006/07 Premier League title. ■

ARSENAL AGAINST BOLTON WANDERERS

The first match...

These sides first faced each other as far back as February 2, 1895, in an FA Cup First Round tie at Bolton's old Pike's Lane ground. Around 7,000 were present as the previous year's runners-up beat the Division Two Gunners by a single goal to nil. Arsenal would go on to finish eighth in their division – in what was only their second season competing in the Football League.

The last match...

The Trotters hosted Arsenal at the Reebok Stadium with the Gunners needing all three points to ignite remaining hopes of a title challenge. It didn't go to plan for Arsenal, with loanee Daniel Sturridge heading Bolton in front and Wojciech Szczesny having to save a Kevin Davies penalty. Robin van Persie did equalise for Arsène Wenger's men, who proceeded to pass up several good opportunities before a cruel late winner was scored by the hosts' Tamir Cohen.

The most memorable match...

Arsenal travelled to the Reebok Stadium on March 29, 2008 with three points very much required to maintain a title charge. It all looked like going horribly wrong Matt Taylor scoring for the home team either side of Abou Diaby's red card, leaving the Gunners with a mountain to climb. But climb it they did – William Gallas found the target on 62 minutes before a Robin van Persie penalty leveled matters. Then, in the last minute, a J Lloyd Samuel own goal completed an unlikely turnaround, sparking wild celebrations among the visitors. ■

FABRICE MUAMBA



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Arsenal, Birmingham

Having come to England as a refugee at an early age, Fabrice joined Arsenal on schoolboy forms but made only a couple of League Cup appearances before moving to Birmingham on loan in 2006. The rangy holding midfielder earned himself a permanent move to St Andrews, and subsequently became an England Under-21 regular, but Blues' relegation in 2008 led to his transfer, for £5m, to Bolton. He missed only two league games last season and ended the campaign representing England at the European U21 finals in Denmark. ■

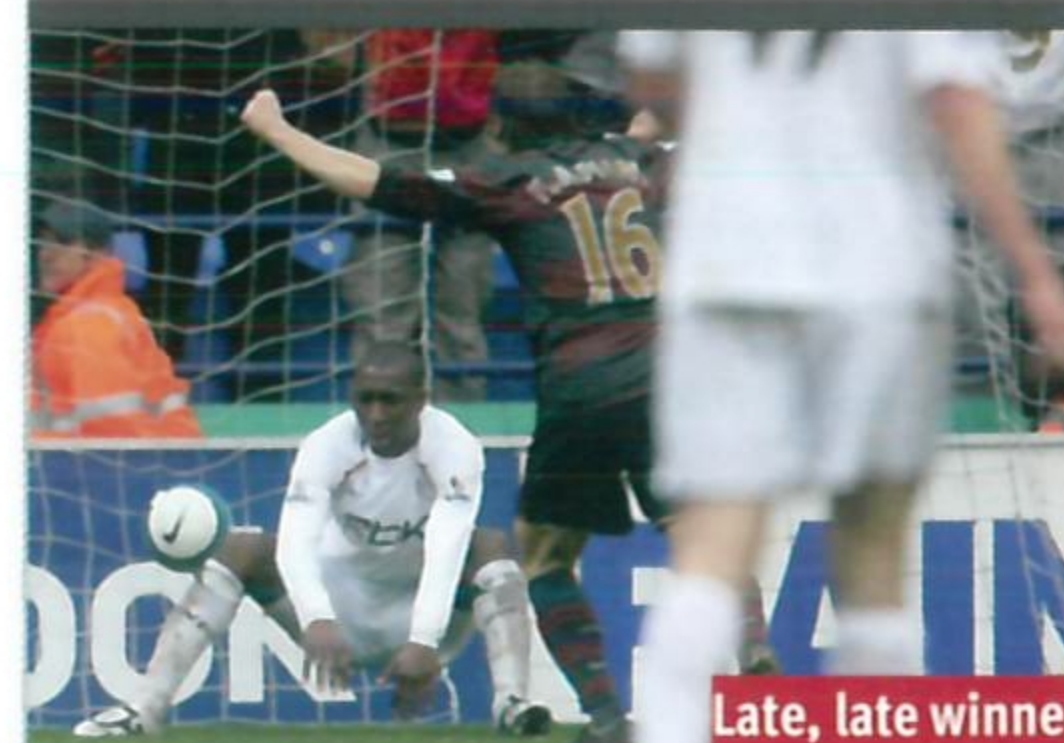
NIGEL REO-COKER



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Wimbledon, West Ham, Aston Villa

Released by Aston Villa in the summer, Nigel joined Bolton on a two-year contract and has started all five of the club's Premier League games to date. He joined Villa in 2007 from West Ham, having had the honour of captaining the England Under-21 side in the first game played at the new Wembley Stadium in March 2007 – a role he reprised at the European U21 Championship finals in the Netherlands a few weeks later. He subsequently rejected an offer to represent Sierra Leone at senior international level. ■



Late, late winner

MARK DAVIES



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Wolves, Leicester (loan)

A clever, industrious midfielder, Mark has suffered more than his fair share of injuries since he joined Bolton from Wolves in January 2009 following a short, successful spell on loan at Leicester. Used more often than not as a substitute during Owen Coyle's time at the club, he scored a brilliant goal against Blackpool last season and has frequently caught the eye with his skill and movement. An England youth International, he was called up three times for Under-21 duty but had to withdraw on each occasion through injury.■

DARREN PRATLEY



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Fulham, Brentford (loan), Swansea

Having helped Swansea City reach the Premier League last season, notably with a goal from the halfway line to seal a play-off semi-final win over Nottingham Forest, Darren ended five-years in South Wales by joining Bolton on a four-year deal in July. The East Londoner scored a dozen goals from midfield for the Swans last term and will be keen to establish himself in the Premier League, where he made just one substitute appearance, back in 2003, for his first club Fulham. His first top-flight start came last weekend in the 2-1 home defeat by Norwich.■

MARTIN PETROV



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Botev Vratsa, CSKA Sofia, Servette, Wolfsburg, Atletico Madrid, Man City

An experienced Bulgarian International, Martin won his 90th cap in the recent Euro 2012 qualifier against England in Sofia. He joined Bolton from Manchester City in the summer of 2010 on a free transfer but started less than half of the club's Premier League outings last term. An inventive and industrious left-winger who has played top-flight football in five different countries, including a spell in Spain with Atletico Madrid, his career has often been beset with injuries, not least during his time at City.■

TUNCAY SANLI



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Sakaryaspor, Fenerbahce, Middlesbrough, Stoke, Wolfsburg

The Turkish international forward joined Bolton on loan from Wolfsburg in August and scored on his debut in a League Cup win against Macclesfield. Well known already in this country for his spells at Middlesbrough and Stoke, Tuncay scored the winner for Boro against Arsenal in December 2007 and would love to repeat the feat today having made his first league start for the Trotters against Norwich last weekend. Three times a Turkish champion with Fenerbahce, he has been capped 80 times by his country.■

KEVIN DAVIES



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Chesterfield, Southampton, Blackburn, Southampton, Millwall (loan)

Kevin joined Bolton on a free transfer in 2003 and has proved to be an invaluable asset. The 34 year-old Trotters skipper may not be the most prolific centre-forward, but he gets through a huge amount of work in every game and is a real handful for defenders. Twice Bolton's Player of the Year, he won his one and only cap for England as a substitute against Montenegro last October, making his debut at the age of 33 years and 200 days – the oldest to do so since Arsenal legend Leslie Compton some 60 years earlier.■

DAVID NGOG



PREVIOUS CLUBS

Paris Saint Germain, Liverpool

Considered surplus to requirements at Liverpool after three years with the Merseysiders, during which he was a frequent substitute, David joined Bolton on transfer deadline day. Although yet to start a league game for his new club, the 22 year-old striker could benefit today from Ivan Klasnic's suspension – as he did at Aston Villa in midweek. He scored 19 goals for Liverpool, including one against Arsenal at the start of last season. A French youth International, he joined the Merseysiders from PSG in the summer of 2008.■

SEPTEMBER 1 1997

The first match at the Reebok Stadium (Bolton 0-0 Everton)



SCOUTING REPORT

WITH TACTICAL ANALYST – AND FORMER ARSENAL MIDFIELDER – STEWART ROBSON

✱ After a good start to the season against QPR, Bolton have lost their last four League matches. Owen Coyle has continued to play in a 4-4-2 system this season but due to injuries, inconsistent performances and now a suspension, the personnel has continually changed.

✱ Last week at home to Norwich they started with a back four of Boyata, Cahill, Knight and Robinson. Boyata is a quick defender who reads the game well. However, in attacking areas he doesn't possess the crossing ability of Steinsson who has caused Arsenal many problems in the past. Cahill and Knight have formed a good partnership but in recent weeks their understanding has been tested to the full. Both are good in the air and comfortable in possession but balls played in behind them have caused them difficulties. Robinson is a whole-hearted player but will contribute little in terms of creativity in attacking areas. He can also be dragged out of position when his wide man comes infield, allowing space for the likes of Sagna to break forward.

✱ In central midfield, Reo-Coker and Pratley had to work tirelessly to prevent Norwich's overloaded midfield taking control. Reo-Coker is an athletic player who closes down quickly and starts counter attacks by dispossessing opposing players. He will run at pace with the ball into open areas but needs to make better decisions with his final pass if he is to realise his potential. Pratley was replaced by Mark Davies and with Muamba on the bench last week and the excellent Holden

returning from injury, Coyle may decide to freshen up his midfield today. As is often the case against a fluent Arsenal midfield, how Bolton defend in midfield will determine the level of Arsenal's control.

✱ In wide areas Bolton started with Petrov on the left and Tuncay on the right. Petrov gives width and will always be available when Bolton counter but in previous meetings Sagna has defended him well and then run away from him when Arsenal have possession causing a 2 v 1 situation against the left back. On the right Tuncay likes to come infield to find space behind his front players, feed off knockdowns or break offside lines with his clever movement. He was however replaced last week by Chris Eagles whose dynamic running with the ball may get him the nod today.

✱ With Klasnic suspended after his sending off last week, Kevin Davies may lead the front line alone, or if Coyle is brave, partner him with Ngog. We all know about the heading ability and capabilities of Davies as a target man, but should Ngog start, he must not be underestimated. Although much maligned at Liverpool, I have seen him play for France U-21s where the pace and timing of his runs were devastating. If selected he will continually look to penetrate Arsenal's high offside line.

✱ Coyle has mixed up the playing style of Bolton since taking charge but when they are not playing well, as is the case at present, they will revert back to using Davies as the focal point of their attack.

Alan Thompson

was Bolton's first ever goalscorer at the Reebok Stadium

Bolton have won the FA Cup on **FOUR** occasions



BRUCE RIOCH

managed the Trotters directly before joining Arsenal

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Bolton's biggest win, against Sheffield United in 1890



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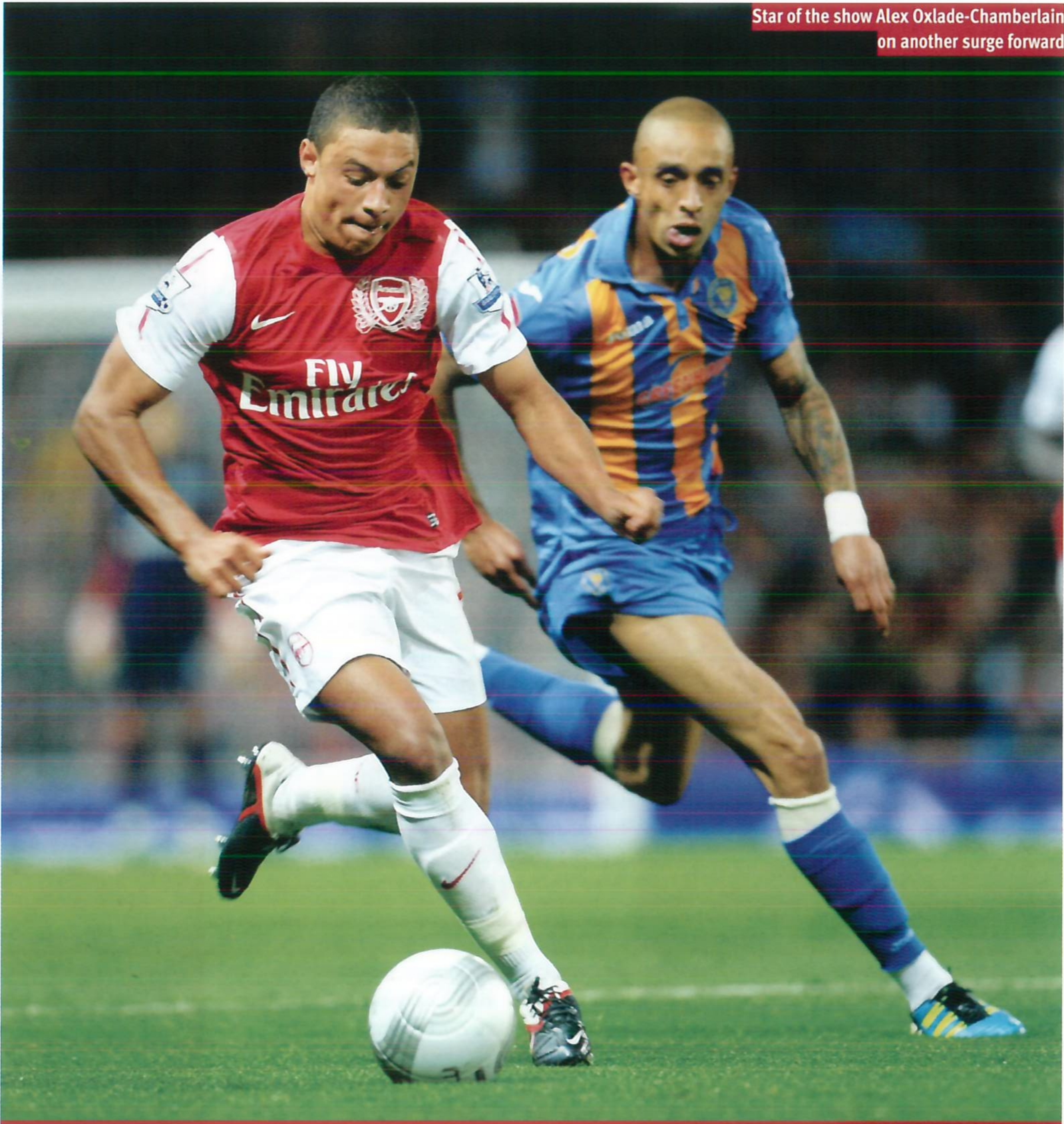


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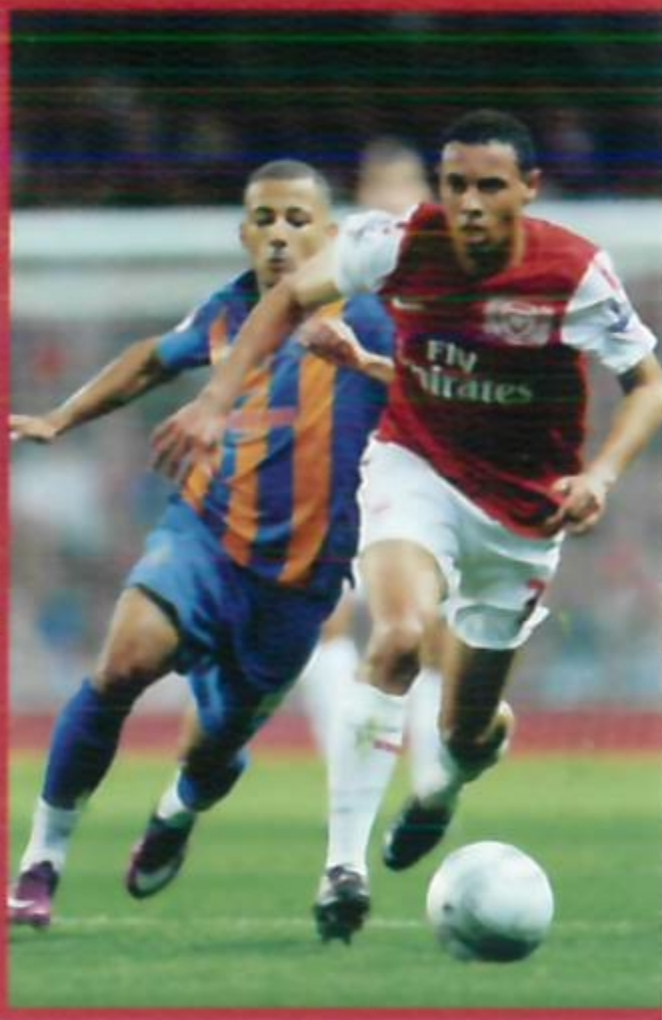
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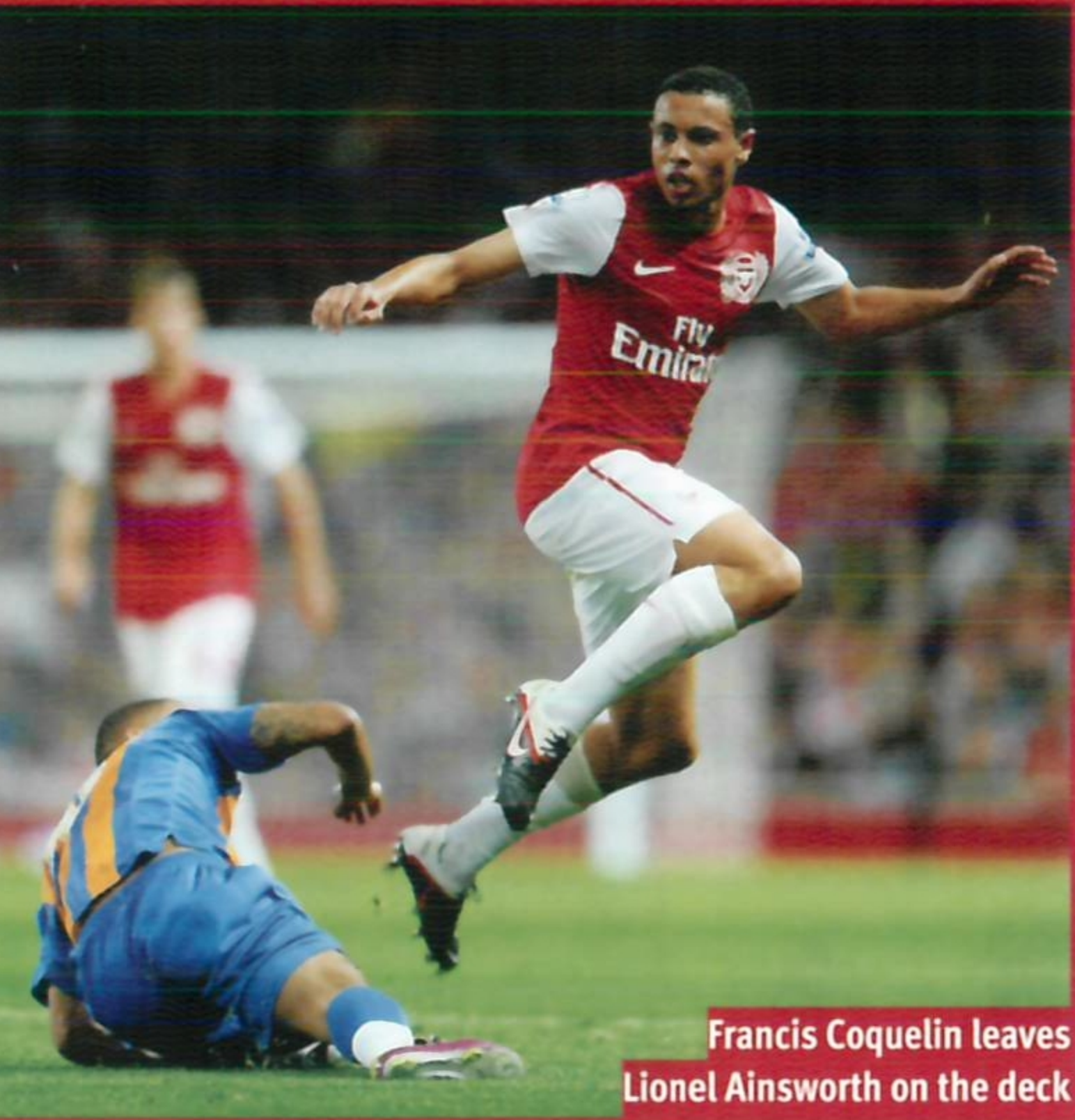
Match Action



Arsenal returned to Carling Cup action for the first time since last season's final



Kieran Gibbs heads home the Gunners' equaliser



Francis Coquelin leaves Lionel Ainsworth on the deck

GAME NO
09



The Gunners got back to winning ways – but not before a scare on Tuesday evening.

Graham Turner's Shrewsbury Town opened the scoring when James Collins leapt highest to head past Lukasz Fabianski on 16 minutes – and this could easily have been the Shropshire side's second after Mark Wright had earlier hit the post.

Marouane Chamakh twice went close for Arsenal in the opening stages and the response of a typically young Gunners outfit to going behind was excellent. Just after the half hour a superb cross from the right by Carl Jenkinson was met by Kieran Gibbs who headed home his first Gunners' goal.

The second-half then featured two more first strikes, as the Gunners dominated a tiring Shrewsbury. Firstly the impressive Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain smacked a fizzing shot past Ben Smith to put Arsenal ahead and the former Southampton man soon had another pot-shot saved by Smith. Breathing space came from Yossi Benayoun, who swept home following good work by young substitute Oguzhan Ozyakup to earn Arsène Wenger's team a place in the fourth round draw.

Arsenal Fabianski, Djourou, Jenkinson, Gibbs, Miquel, Oxlade-Chamberlain (Aneke 90), Frimpong (Ozyakup 77), Benayoun, Coquelin, Park (Miyaichi 71), Chamakh

Subs not used Martinez, Boateng, Yennaris, Watt

★Shots on 11 ★Shots off 3

★Corners 8 ★Offsides 2 ★Fouls 5

Shrewsbury Town Smith, Grandison, Goldson, Hazell, Jacobson, Wroe, Ainsworth (Taylor 78), McAllister (Richards 72), Wright, Collins (Bradshaw 72), Morgan

Subs not used Neal, Male, Leslie

★Shots on 2 ★Shots off 4

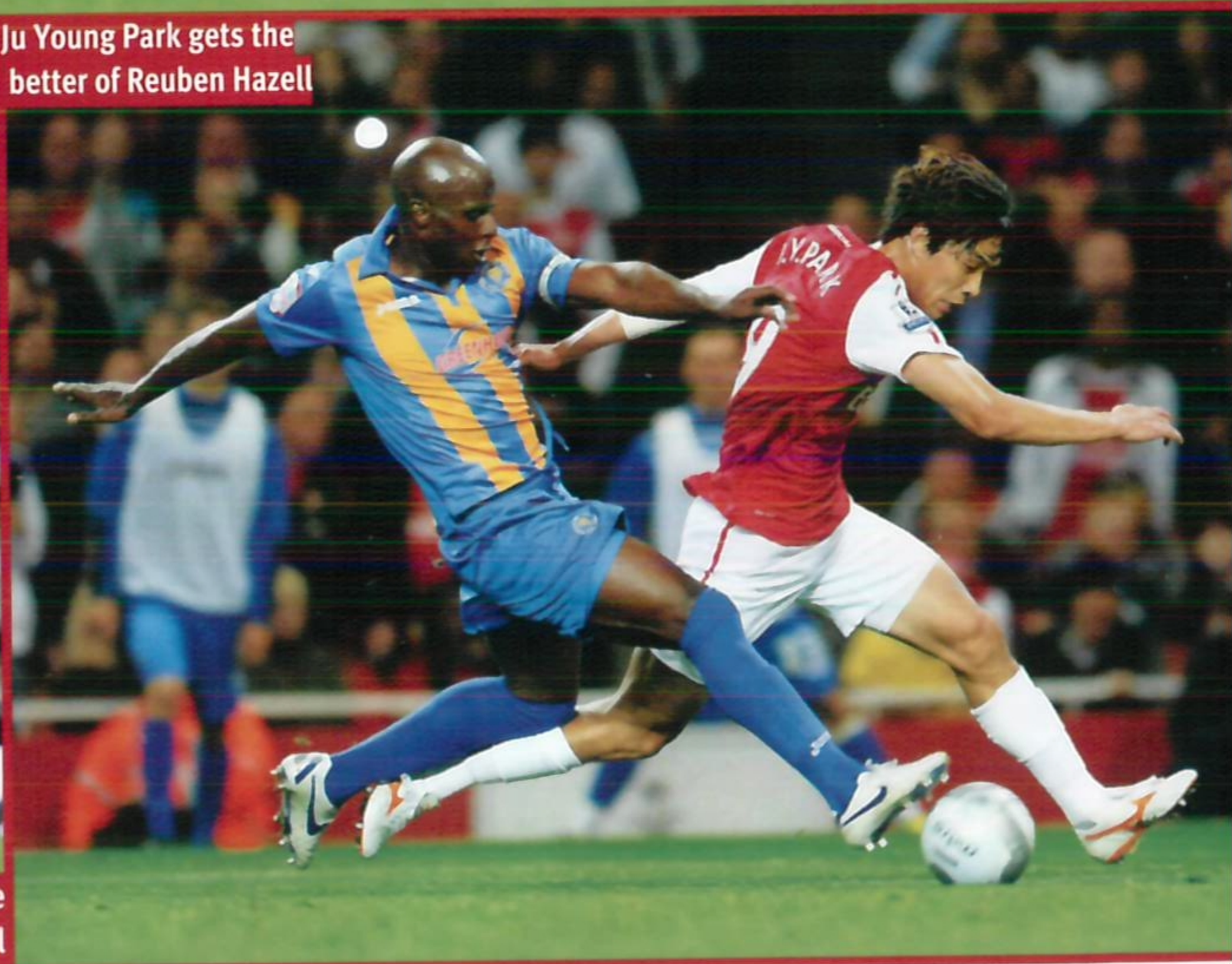
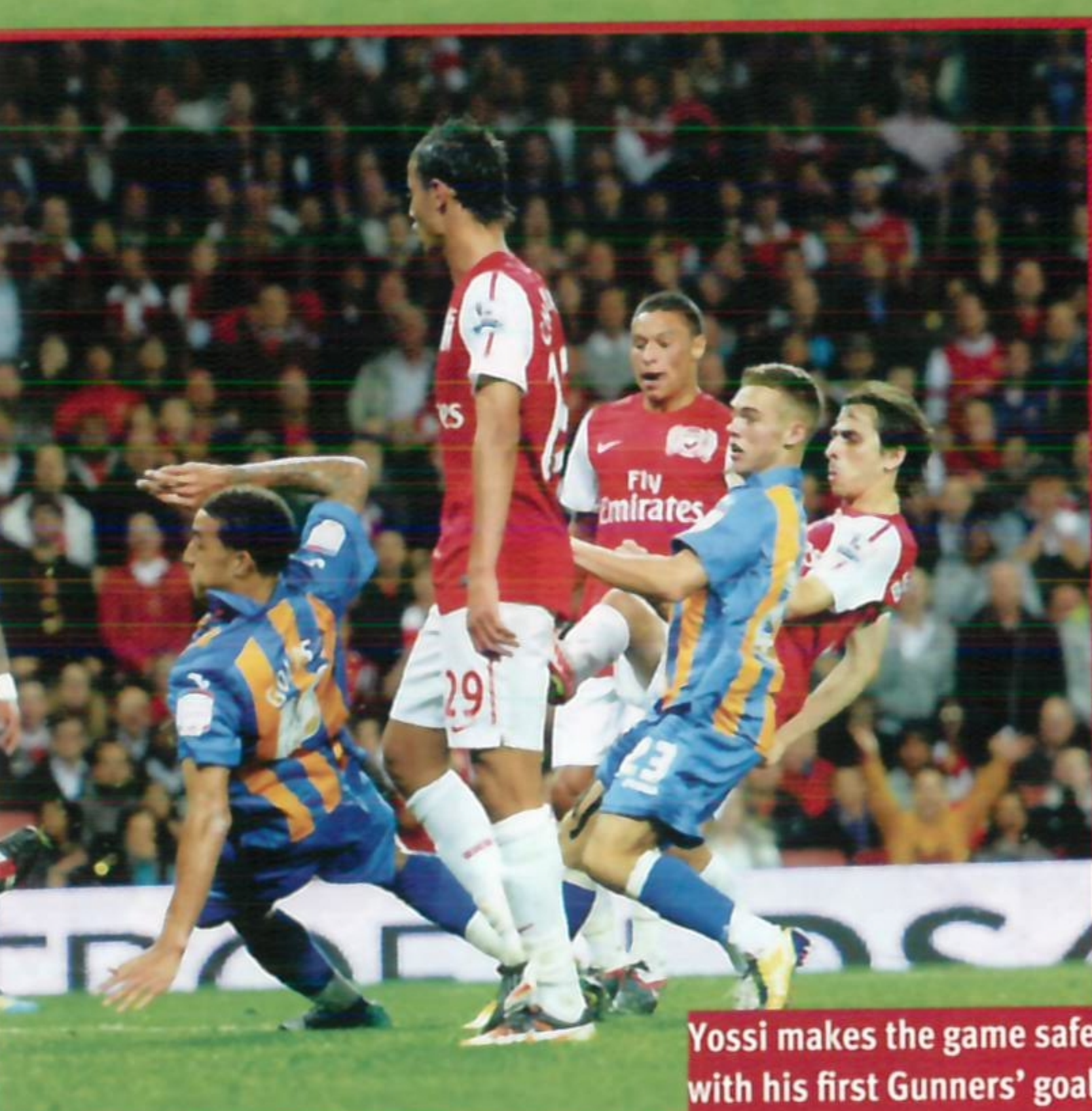
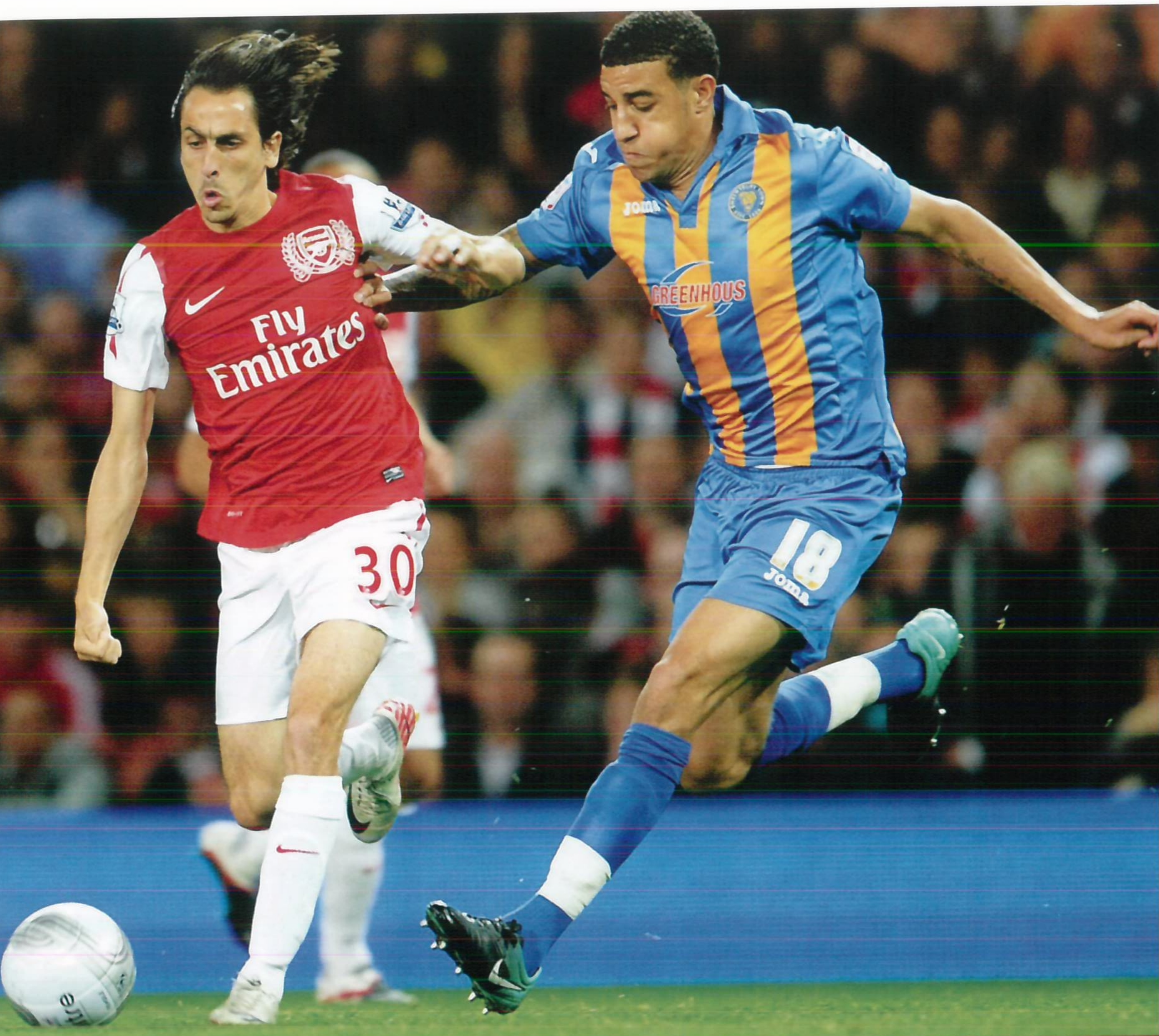
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Yossi Benayoun is a step ahead of Connor Goldson





Ju Young Park gets the better of Reuben Hazell

Yossi makes the game safe with his first Gunners' goal

Goals in History

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BOLTON WANDERERS FANS KNOW ARSENAL'S CURRENT NO19 VERY WELL – JACK WILSHERE ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL LOAN SPELL AT THE REEBOK IN 2010. JEM MAIDMENT PROFILES JACK AND TWO OTHER GUNNERS WHO HAVE WORN THE SHIRT, SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED FOR THE 1993/94 PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON



REMI GARDE 1996-1999 43 apps 0 goals

The thoughtful Frenchman arrived right at the beginning of the Arsène Wenger revolution. In fact, he arrived before Wenger – signing for the Gunners on the same day as Patrick Vieira in August 1996. Garde, then 30, was an experienced French league player, having made nearly 300 appearances for Lyon and Strasbourg, before his unexpected big move to the Premier League. He proved ample back-up for the midfield duo of Vieira and Emmanuel Petit. The versatile Garde could play in defence – at either full-back or centre-half – or as a defensive midfielder. Technically accomplished, Garde was a member of the 1998 'double' squad, before retiring from the game at the end of the following season. He returned to France where he became a respected media pundit before joining Lyon's coaching staff in 2003, and was named Lyon manager earlier this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Gunner to be given the shirt number was winger **JIMMY CARTER**, who signed from Liverpool in **1991**



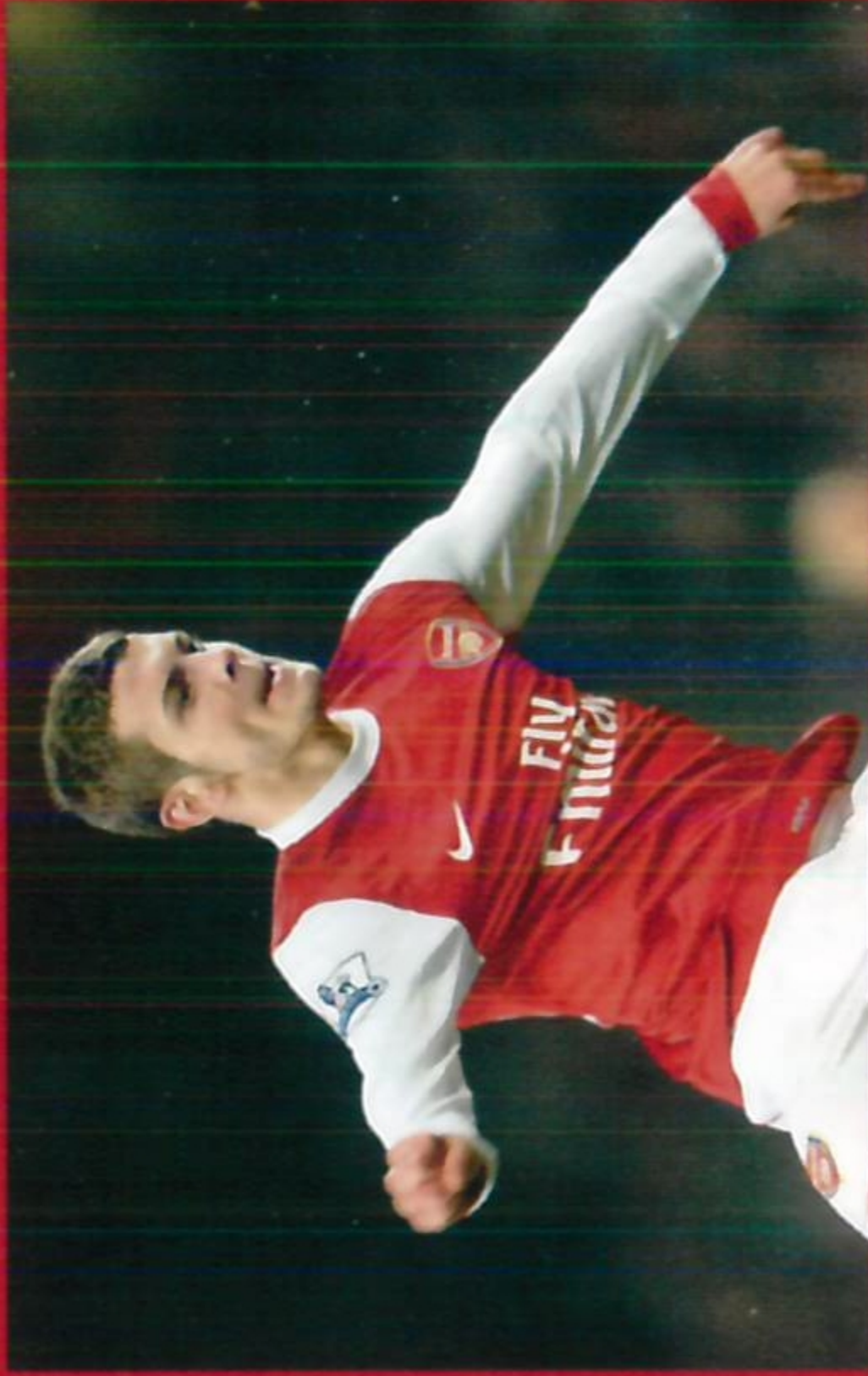
GILBERTO has made more appearances in the No**19** shirt than any other Arsenal player **244**





GILBERTO 2002-2008 244 apps 24 goals

Dubbed the 'Invisible Wall' in his homeland, the Brazil World Cup winner is one of the most popular foreign imports to represent the Gunners. The defensive midfielder joined in 2002, hitting the winner on his debut in the Community Shield, and scoring the fastest goal in Champions League history – in just 20.07 seconds in a 4-0 win at PSV Eindhoven. He returned to Cardiff's Millennium Stadium at the end of his first season as the Gunners beat Southampton 1-0 in the FA Cup Final. The following year he was an integral member of the 'Invincibles' title-winning side and won another FA Cup against old foes Man United in 2005. In 2006 he scored Arsenal's first ever competitive goal at Emirates Stadium and regularly captained the team that season. He signed for Panathinaikos in 2008 and after three years in Athens moved home to Gremio in May this year.



JACK WILSHERE 2008– 64 apps 3 goals

Many have tipped the Hertfordshire-born midfielder as the heir apparent to another English No19 who once lit up north London – former Tottenham and England star Paul Gascoigne. Like Gazza, Wilshere is blessed with a continental-like skill and technique, married with English grit. His rise has been meteoric, since becoming Arsenal's youngest ever league debutant – aged 16 years and 256 days – in a 4-0 win at Blackburn in September 2008. His first goal came less than a fortnight later, against Sheffield United in the Carling Cup. He joined Bolton on loan in January 2010, and made a huge impact there before breaking into the Arsenal first team and the England squad in 2010/11, making his international debut against Hungary. He was later awarded PFA Young Player of the Year and named in the PFA Team of the Season.



NUMBER INCUMBENT

Jack Wilshere was officially given the No19 shirt in the summer of 2008, following the departure of Gilberto



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German **STEFAN MALZ**

made six league appearances in the No19 shirt between **1999** and **2001**, scoring once. He also netted on his debut in the League Cup.



Japan midfield star

JUNICHI INAMOTO was given the No**19** shirt on his arrival in **2001** but left a year later after failing to make a single Premier League appearance for the Club.

ANDRE SANTOS

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW



Emirates Stadium's status as something of a 'home from home' for the Brazilian national team has become a useful string to Arsenal's bow in recent years – and it might just have played its part in securing one of the Gunners' August signings. Cast your mind back to March and you might remember an exciting, enterprising display by left-back Andre Santos in the Selecao's 2-0 win against Scotland – in front of the watching Arsène Wenger. Six months on, the 28 year-old jumped at the chance to

I believe I can always bring a word of incentive to people and offer leadership to the group

leave troubled Turkish outfit Fenerbahce to further his career in north London – and hopes to grace our home turf for the second time in this afternoon's meeting with Bolton.

"I do think my performance in the Brazil v Scotland match here left a good impression in the manager's mind," Andre admits. "He was watching from the stands and I believe that played a part.

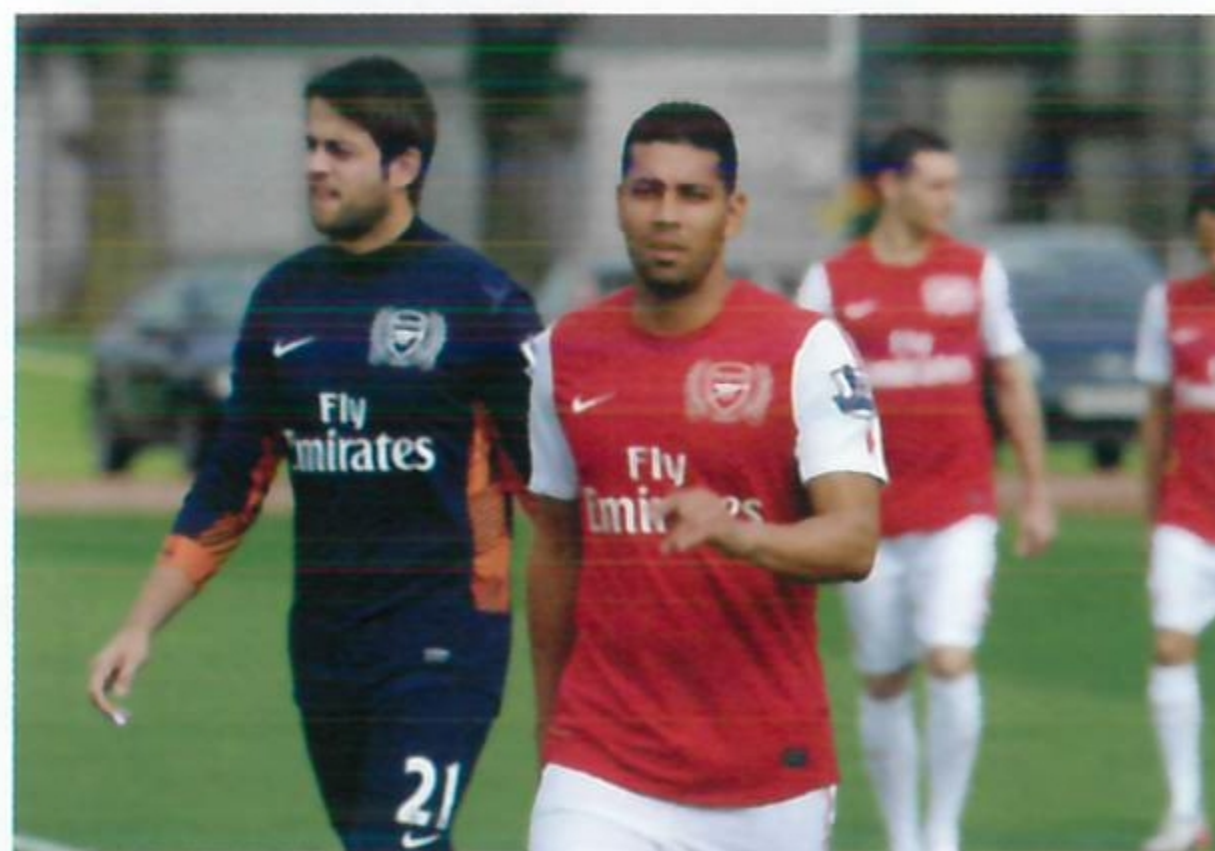
"The move itself happened very quickly,

though. Obviously there were some problems at Fenerbahce, and the deal went through just two days or so before the transfer window closed. It all happened in the blink of an eye – I spoke to Mr Wenger, I came to London and began a very important stage in the development of my career."

Good times in Turkey had turned a little sour – if through no fault of Andre's. A league title last season had been tainted by allegations of match fixing – a situation that led to the club being withdrawn from this season's Champions League. The Gunners' new recruit admits that this was in his thinking as he discussed the move to England.

"It was one of the causes. As you know, Fenerbahce won the championship – it was a very tough competition but there have been lots of different accusations and allegations going back and forth since then. It was very complicated, and the atmosphere was heavy. I thought it best for me, and for my career, that I move on.

"I have high aspirations. I want to play in the World Cup in three years' time and as an



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FULL NAME
Andre Clarindo dos
Santos

BORN
Sao Paulo, Brazil,
March 8, 1983

POSITION
Defender

BRAZIL CAPS
22

INTERNATIONAL
HONOURS
Confederations Cup
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PREVIOUS CLUBS
Figueirense, Flamengo
(loan), Atletico Mineiro
(loan), Corinthians,
Fenerbahce

JOINED ARSENAL
from Fenerbahce on
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ARSENAL DEBUT
v Borussia Dortmund,
Champions League,
September 13, 2011
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Player Feature

Arsenal player I have great visibility to the international coaches. It was a necessary move for me to make and I'm very happy, and thankful, to be here."

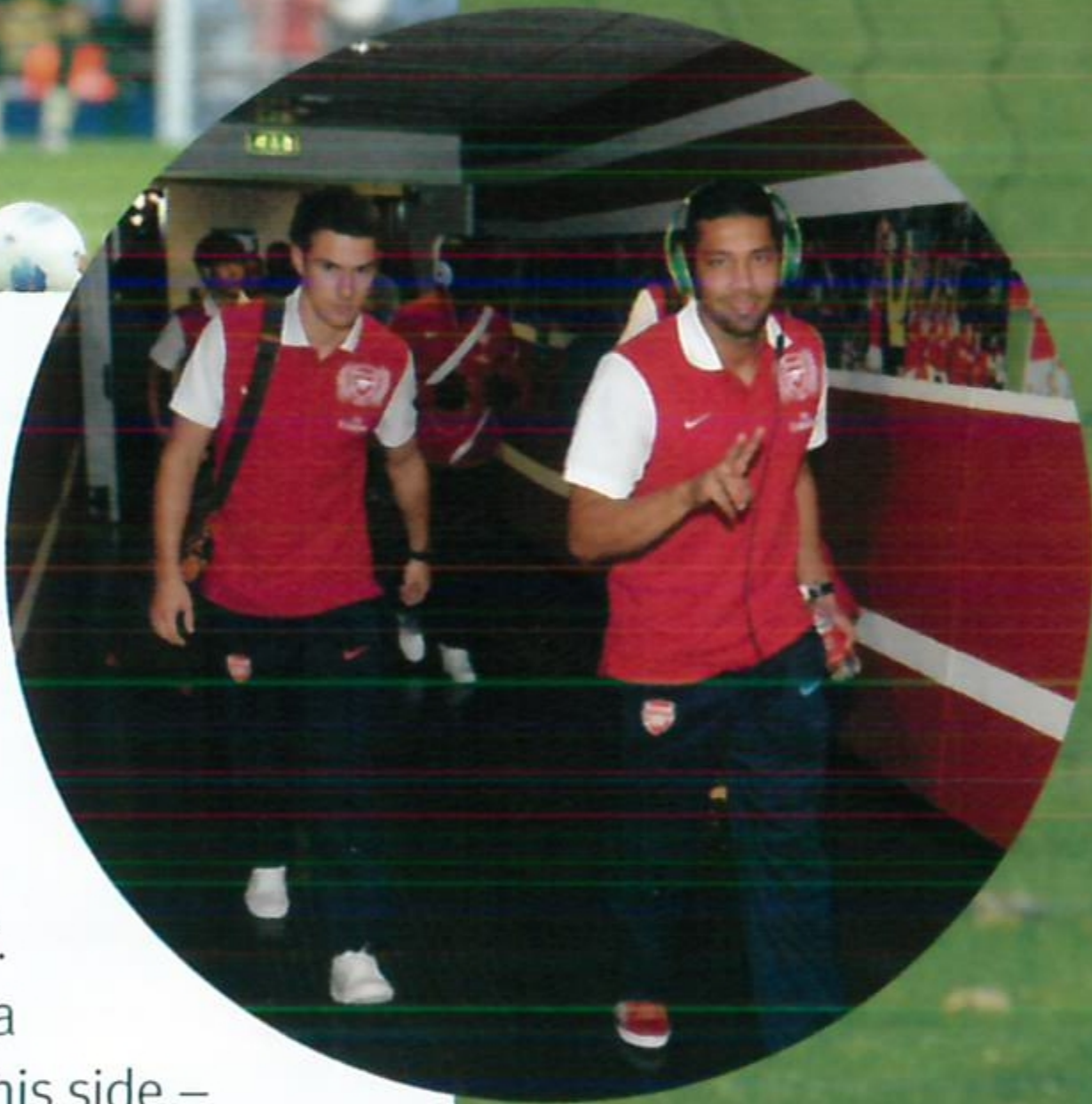
Andre's time at Fenerbahce overlapped with that of a certain Roberto Carlos – whose place he ended up taking in the team as the celebrated left-back continued to grow old gracefully. The veteran's influence has clearly been profound.



"He's been a very important person in my career," says Andre. "It was a short period with him but a brilliant learning experience. I'm a fan of his, he's always been one of my favourite players and he taught me a lot. It was very important to share a livelihood with him and be by his side – he shared a lot of experiences from his career and of playing in World Cups for example. Today he's a great friend of mine and is doing well for his club in Russia."

The Brazilian tradition of producing exciting, attacking left-backs is certainly a rich one – and in many ways goes hand in hand with that of Arsenal. Andre says he intends to follow his recent attacking predecessors in the Gunners' left-back role, while constantly being mindful of the need to be part of a solid defensive bedrock.

"In my two seasons at Fenerbahce I played



11. Andre Santos

Five or six games from now I believe I'll be in perfect condition both physically and technically

most of the games and scored quite a few goals. That's definitely one of my strong points – coming up to help the attack and creating chances for them or for myself. But I don't forget that the first thing a left-back needs to do is defend, especially in a tough league like this. English football is some of the best in the world and I hope to learn a lot here.”

He'll certainly be prepared. Andre explains: “In Turkey we always played on Sundays and I'd always watch televised English games on the Saturday. I love football, it's my life and I always watch it. The pace here is strong and quick, and I'm very happy to be taking part.”

It's been quite a baptism for Andre, who made his Arsenal debut late on in a febrile Signal Iduna Park, Dortmund, before completing 90 minutes in last weekend's topsy-turvy encounter at Ewood Park. In at the deep end for our new Brazilian, who admits he's still working towards his best form.

“They've been two good experiences,” he recalls. “Against Dortmund I only played for a short period, of course, but then I managed much longer against Blackburn. I was happy with my performance there, although obviously unhappy that we lost. I'd like to say that I can, and will, improve a lot – I'd spent 25 days without playing in an official game, but five or six games from now I believe I'll be in perfect condition both physically and technically.”

At 28, there's little doubt that he is approaching the peak of his career. Much was

made of the fact that the majority of Arsène Wenger's deadline-week dealings involved players of around his age – so, in line with this, does he see himself as somebody that can add leadership to a largely young squad?

“I believe so,” he states. “I played with more experienced players like Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and even Edu, who you know. I learned a lot from them all, and believe I can always bring a word of incentive to people and offer leadership to the group. I'd be very happy to pass on a bit of my experience, and things I've learned from other experienced players.”

Talking of Edu, he explains that he sought the advice of a glittering who's who of Brazilians with an Arsenal past – Silvinho, Gilberto, Denilson and Eduardo as well as Edu – upon deciding to come here. This kicked off what has been a happy settling-in process for a number of reasons.

“I spoke to all of them, and they offered me the best recommendations about playing for Arsenal. Now I hope to bring lots of joy, to emulate what they did – and to be able to speak good English as quickly as possible!

“Things have started well. I've already found a house, so I'll soon be living in Hampstead. And I'm even happier because I'm going to be a father – my wife is expecting a baby, so things are going very well. Now it's up to me to make sure that all this happiness can be portrayed in my displays on the pitch and that I can make Arsenal supporters happy as well.”■





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Nathan French

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Handball, gymnastics, fencing and now our series moves on to volleyball and Nathan French is one of the stars of the Great Britain team. A member of the national side since the age of 18, the native of Chelmsford now has approaching 50 caps for his country – and he's still only 21.

A lifelong Gooner, Nathan will mainly be watching the team from afar this season as he pursues his club career in France, but when we caught up with him prior to heading off for pre-season training, he was keen to tell us that, despite a rocky start to the season, he's got great optimism that things are going to come good for Arsenal.

So Nathan, tell us a bit about your Arsenal support.

I've supported the team since I was a little kid. For me it was mainly because of my friends and particularly my next door neighbour, who's a real fanatic and travels everywhere to see them. It's funny because my dad is a Man United fan but my mates proved a stronger influence. Me and my dad have had a few arguments in front of the TV over the years.

I don't get to see Arsenal very often other than on the TV to be honest, really because since I was young I've been playing sport every weekend, I played a lot of rugby and then volleyball of course.

Who's your all-time favourite player?

I'd have to say Dennis Bergkamp. He had everything – the skill and the vision and he was also so loyal to the Club and deserved to have that amazing testimonial to open Emirates Stadium, incredible.

I loved Wrighty when I was little too, you could say he was my favourite English player.

So tell us, how did you get into volleyball?

I was fortunate enough that when I was 14 the PE teacher at school was an excellent volleyball player and coached the sport, which is really unusual in schools. To start with you mucked about with your friends and it was good because in winter it meant we could play sport inside but then I just got more and more into it.

And you were soon playing for your country...

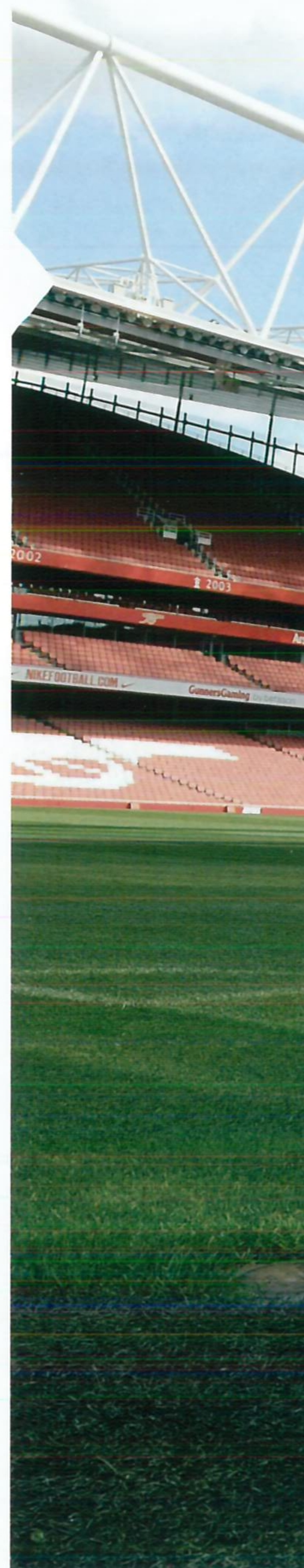
Yes, I was selected for the England cadets in 2005 and then we won the Olympic Bid and I knew there would be a GB team at the

Bergkamp had everything – the skill and the vision

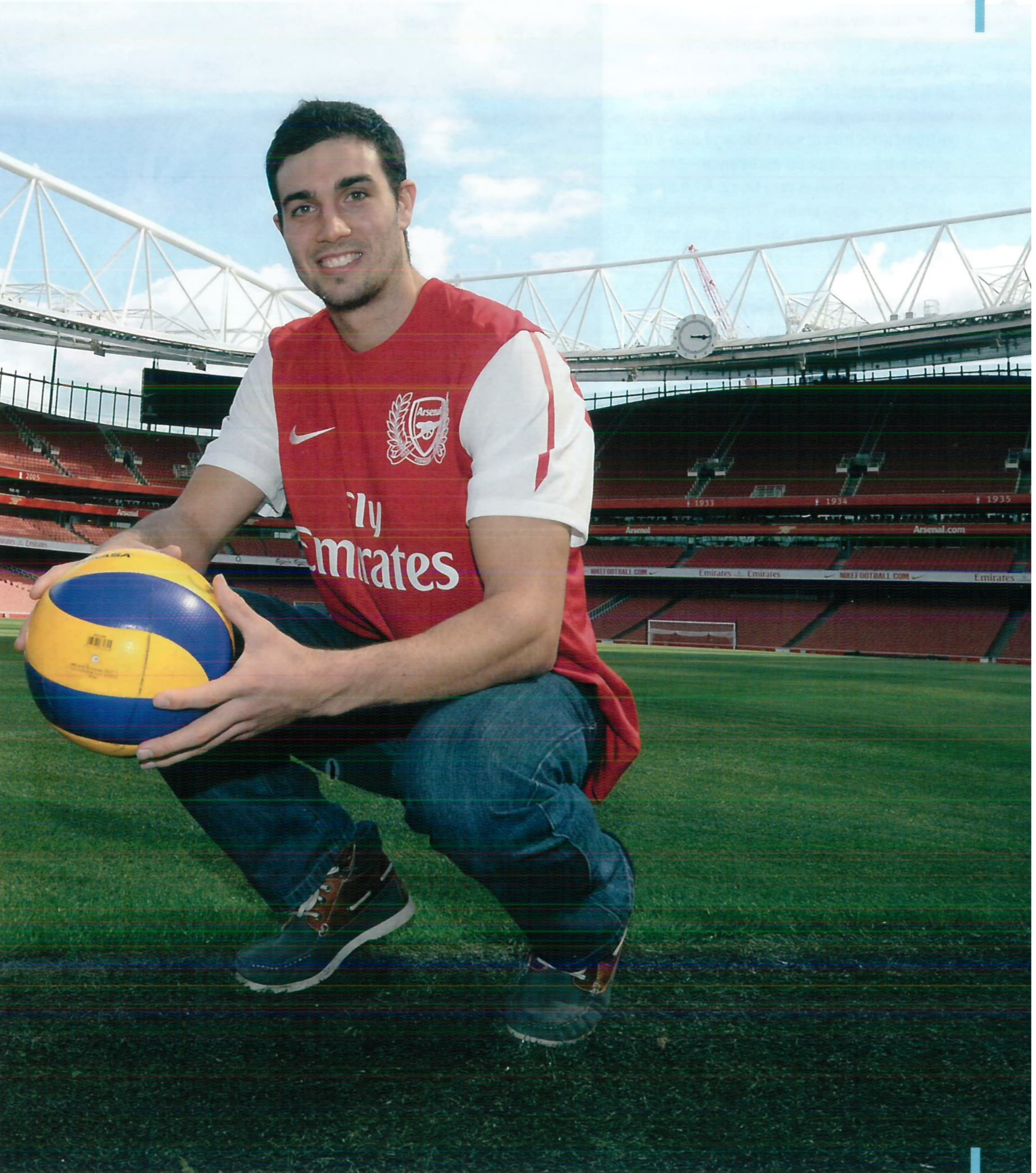
Games – and there was no greater incentive to try and get into the junior England side and then the seniors. I was in the GB development squad three years ago and made my full debut when I was 18 and I have around 50 caps now I think. At the minute I'm in the starting six and getting a lot of court time so I have to make sure I maintain that. A volleyball squad is 12, but obviously you want to be one of the six on the court as much as you can.

Looking at the GB squad, at 6 ft 4 in you are one of the smaller players – it's like the land of the giants!

You're right, there are always players much



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taller than me in the team, and the smaller you are, the higher you have to jump. Volleyball is a game played more in the air, so a great deal of time is spent in the gym working on your spring. But volleyball's an extremely technical sport too and also a lot of work takes place on endurance – two hours of volleyball is very tiring. A lot of my skills are actually on the floor, going for the ball and passing, you have to be big but agile as well.

What position do you play?

In football terms I'm on the left wing, it's kind of like a midfielder role in that you need to be able to read the game, make the plays and attack – I have to be versatile.

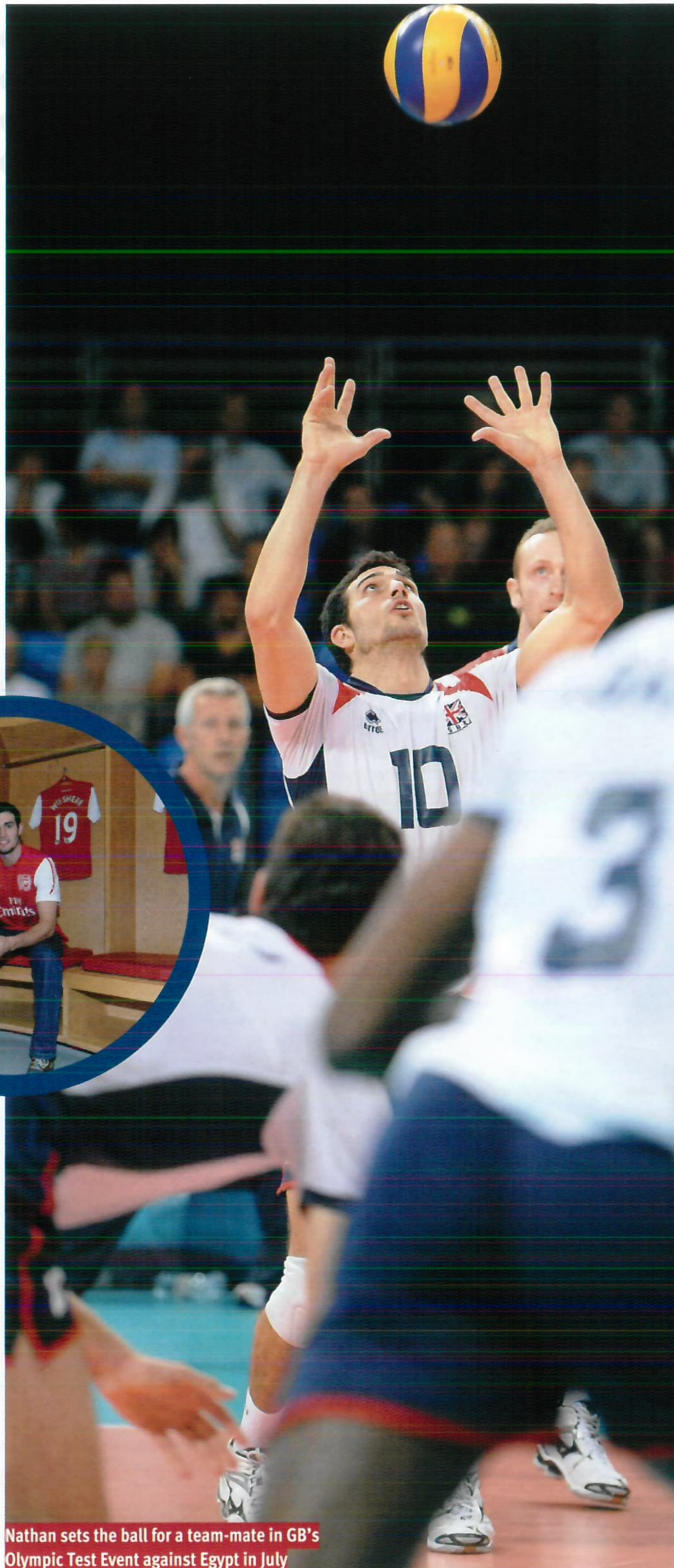
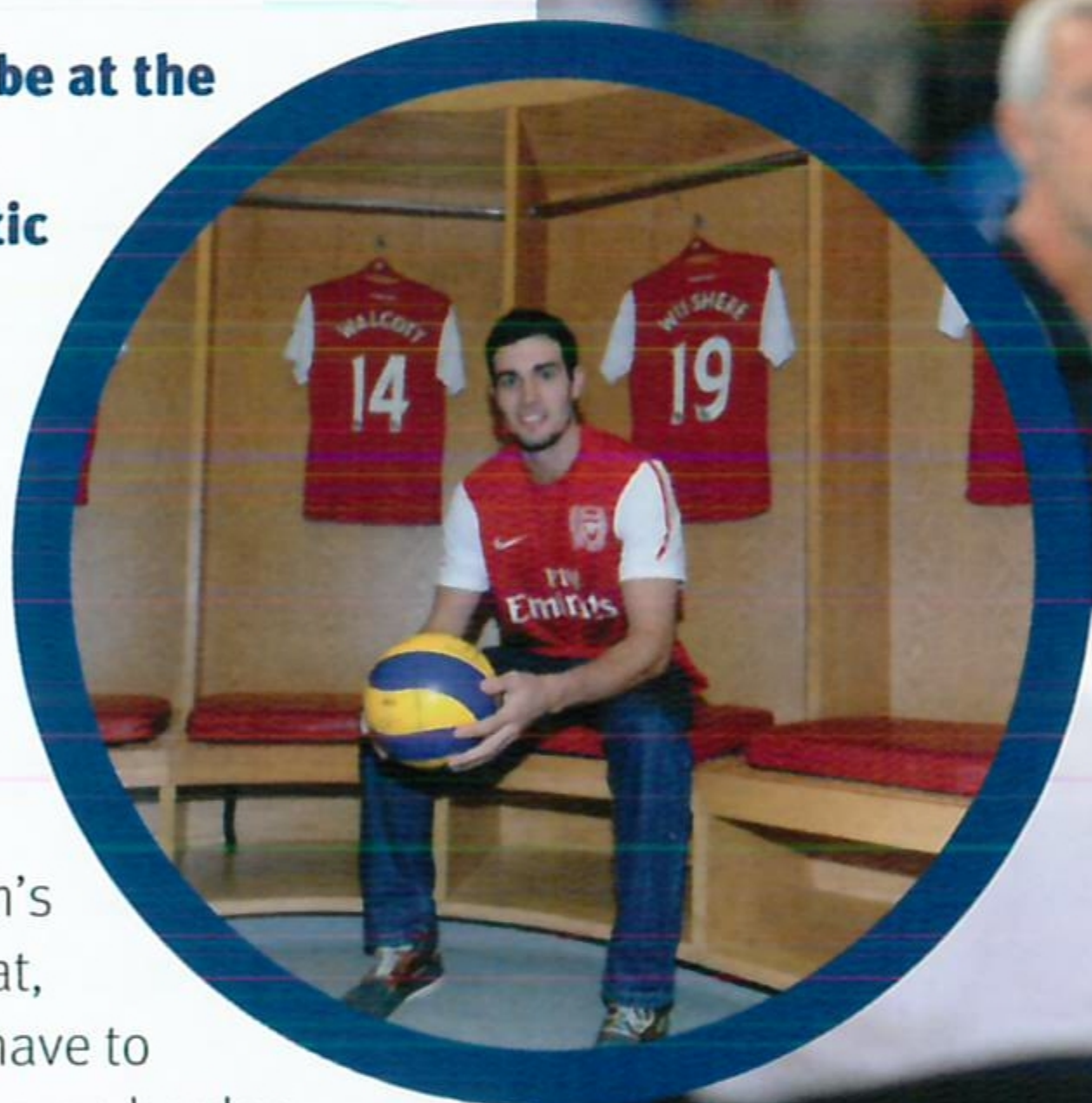
GB are guaranteed to be at the Olympics aren't they, which must be fantastic news for the sport...

Of course, we got the green light recently and will definitely be in the Olympics, although we were going all out to try to qualify anyway so it hasn't changed the team's mindset. Having said that, now we know we don't have to qualify we need to work even harder to make a statement for this country in volleyball. We're underdogs but being British we like that – I'm confident we can pull something out.

What's the format and who should we look out for?

There will be two groups of six, if we win the first two games we can qualify into the quarter-finals, win that and you're challenging for a medal.

Brazil and USA are always challenging for the gold. Russia, Serbia, Cuba – they have incredible athleticism – are very good too. But if we can just get out of the group, it's the old cliché that anything can happen



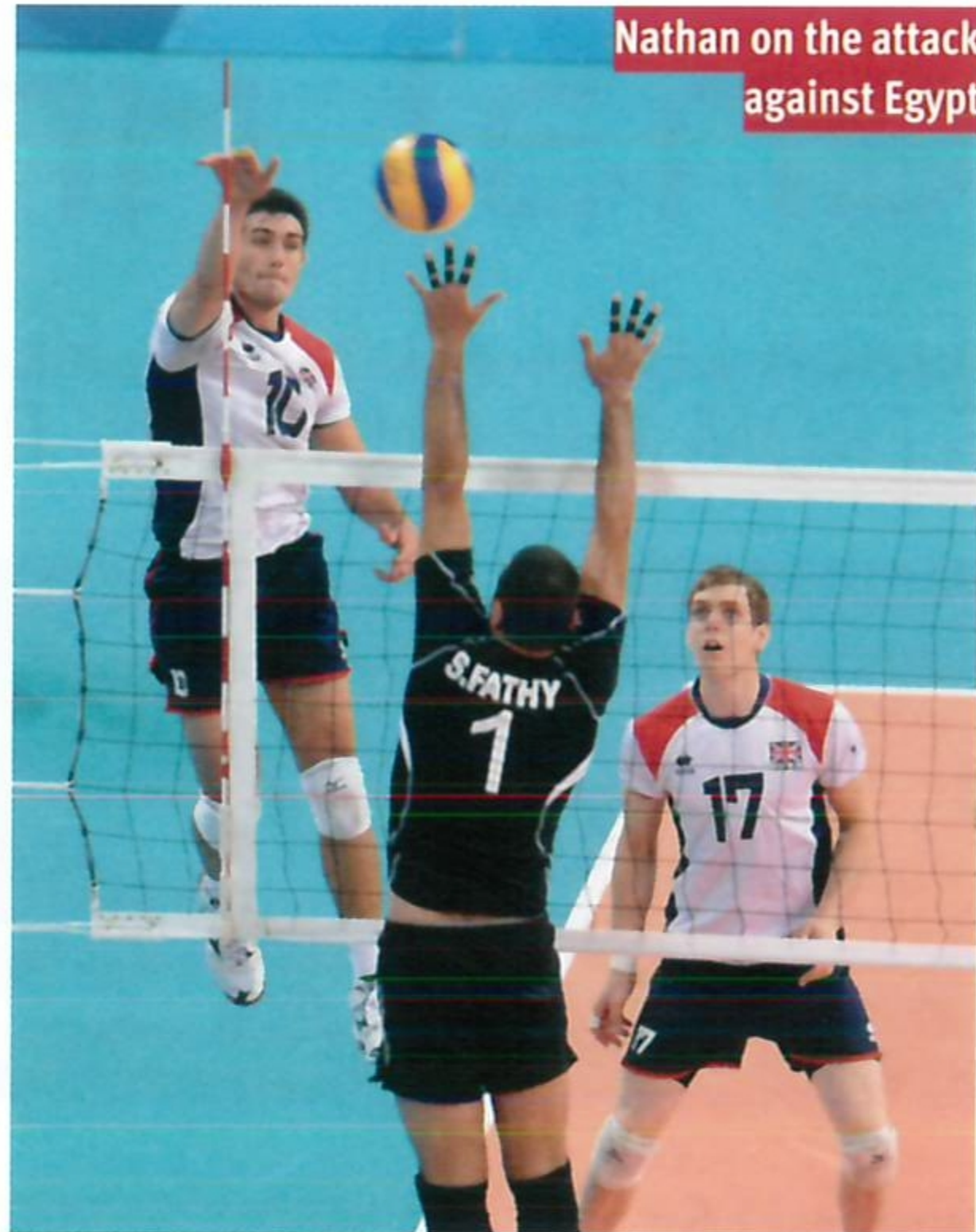
Nathan sets the ball for a team-mate in GB's Olympic Test Event against Egypt in July



in the knockout stages. In the Olympics Test Event we've just had we beat a very good Mexico side and Egypt who were 9th in the world too. We've also beaten China who I think were 12th. So although we are ranked around the 90 mark we are improving and now competing with the best.

And prior to the Olympics, you'll be playing professionally in France?

Yes, I've been playing for two years in Tenerife in Spain and this year I've signed for Avignon in the south of France – I seem to pick nice places! They're in the French Second Division but the French league is a very high standard. It's an ambition of mine to play in their top league and Avignon



Nathan on the attack against Egypt

We're underdogs but being British we like that

were very close to promotion last season, but Pro B is a high standard. The season will finish in May and then all the GB players come together from all over Europe, Poland, Holland, Belgium – there isn't a professional league in the UK so we have to travel.

So you won't get to see much of the Gunners for the next few months?

I'll always follow us online and on TV, it's not difficult nowadays and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season. It's been an extremely difficult start but Arsène always has a trick up his sleeve. I was glad to see some investment going towards defensive players and Arteta seems to have a lot of passion and positive attitude coming into the team which is probably what we needed. There will be more young players coming through and gelling with the new signings too. I just saw a picture of the '98 double team in the tunnel area and they were well off the pace for the first half of that season, and then went on that amazing run in the second half of the season to win the league. I'm confident, let's start talking about our prospects again at Christmas!

To find out more about British Volleyball, go to www.britishvolleyball.org



The Volleyball at the Olympics will take place at Earls Court – the Beach Volleyball at Horse Guards Parade

Nathan's GB team-mate Yassir Sliti is also a Gunner



Volleyball has been in the Olympics since 1964, Beach Volleyball since 1996



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Robin van Persie may have drawn a blank at Blackburn last week – but these Chalkboards show us the extent, and variety, of work that our captain got through in his central attacking position during his 90 minutes on the pitch. His work in deep positions, combining with his centre-backs and full-backs, is as impressive as ever – as are the range and variety of his attempted passes. A magnificent assist for Marouane Chamakh from a wide left position gave the Gunners a glimmer of hope at the end, but especially notable is that, despite all kinds of good work well outside the area, he often appears at the sharp end too. Robin has seven shots on goal during the match – all from relatively close in. Although he doesn't trouble the goalscoring charts on this occasion, the fact that he is able to make an impact in the more traditional centre-forward position so often, along with all the other work he does, is quite remarkable. ■

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Robin van Persie successful passes – 26 (blue)

Robin van Persie unsuccessful passes – 15 (red)

Robin van Persie assists – 1 (white)

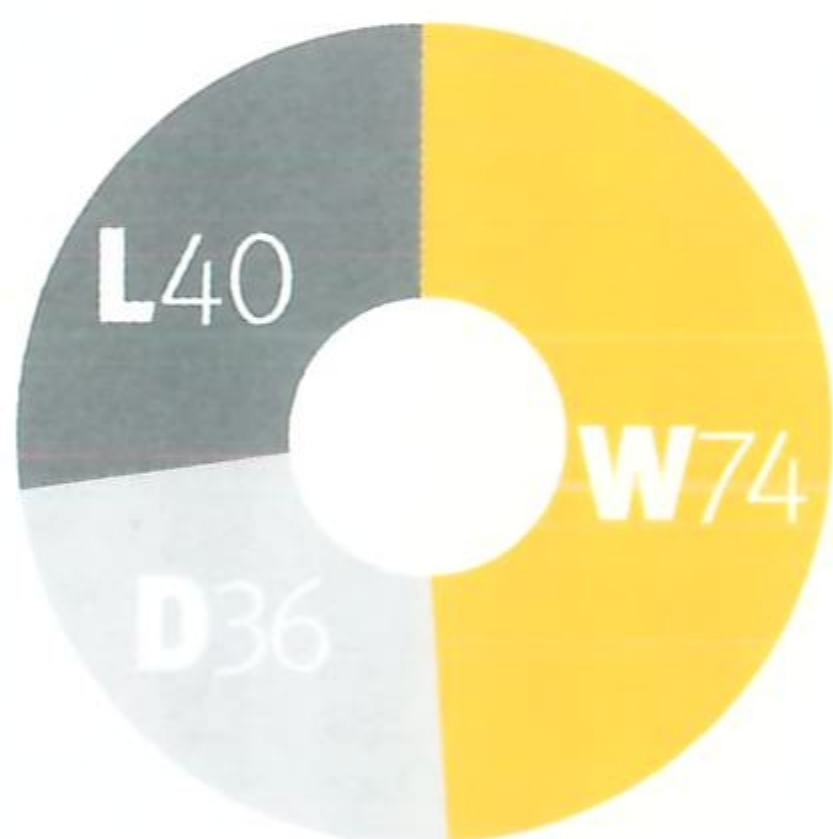
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Robin van Persie shots on target – 3 (blue)

Robin van Persie shots off target – 2 (red)

Robin van Persie blocked shots – 1 (grey)





2006/07	3
2007/08	3
2008/09	9
2009/10	4
2010/11	5
2011/12	3



DEBUTANTS

Twelve players have made their Arsenal first team debuts so far this season. They are...



TOP TABLE

Arsenal's 1-1 draw with Dortmund was the Club's 150th game in the European Cup/ Champions League. The record is as left



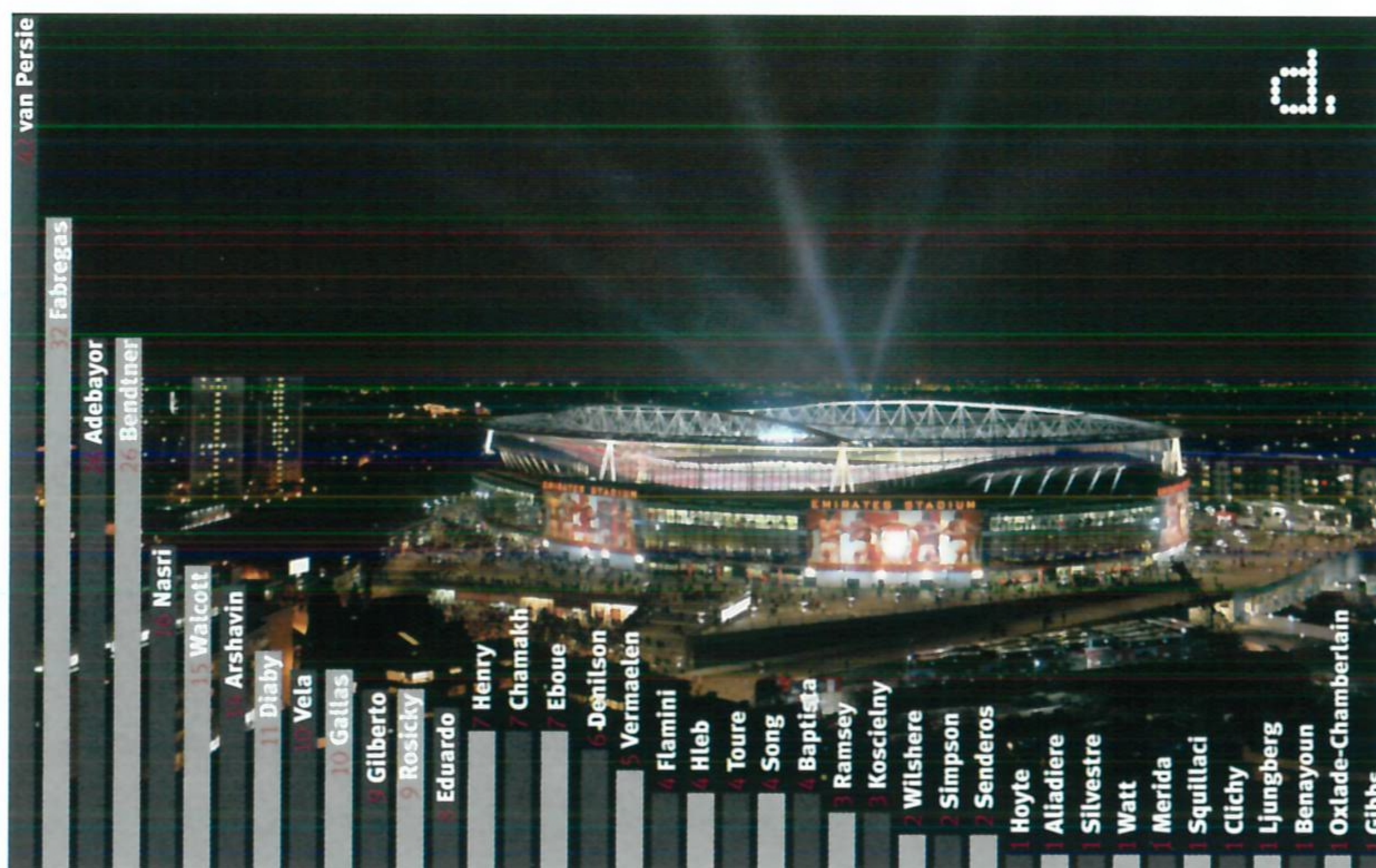
CARLING CUP RECORD

Following Tuesday night's win, the Carling Cup record at Emirates Stadium is as follows: P10 W9 D1 L0 F27 A4 The goals scored year by year are as left



EMIRATES SCORERS

Kieran Gibbs, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Yossi Benayoun all netted on Tuesday night to take the total number of Arsenal goalscorers at Emirates Stadium to 39. Between them they have scored 303 goals (Robin van Persie leads the way with 42). There have also been 14 own goals in Arsenal's favour here, taking the total to 317.



Statistics 2011/12

KEY	Home Fixture	© Captain	¹ First Sub	² Second Sub	³ Third Sub	Yellow Card	Red Card	⚽ One Goal	⚽ Two Goals	⚽ Three Goals	⚽ Penalty											
DATE	OPPONENTS	S	P	ATT/KO	TEAM	SUBS																
Sat Aug 13	Newcastle Utd	0-0	7	46,894	Szczesny	Sagna	Gibbs	Vermaelen	Koscielny	Song	Ramsey	Rosicky	Arshavin	Gervinho	van Persie	Walcott(60)	Frimpong(84)	Djourou(90)	Chamberlain	Jenkinson	Chamakh	Fabianski
Sat Aug 20	Liverpool	0-2	14	60,090	Szczesny	Sagna	Jenkinson	Vermaelen	Koscielny	Frimpong	Ramsey	Nasri	Arshavin	Walcott	van Persie	Miquel(16)	Lansbury(72)	Bendtner(80)	Chamberlain	Miyaichi	Chamakh	Fabianski
Sun Aug 28	Man Utd	2-8	17	75,448	Szczesny	Jenkinson	Traore	Djourou	Koscielny	Coquelin	Ramsey	Rosicky	Arshavin	Walcott	van Persie	Chamberlain(62)	Lansbury(83)	Chamakh(83)	Sunu	Ozyakup	Miquel	Fabianski
Sat Sept 10	Swansea City	1-0	11	60,087	Szczesny	Sagna	Gibbs	Mertesacker	Koscielny	Frimpong	Ramsey	Arteta	Arshavin	Walcott	van Persie	Benayoun(62)	Coquelin(73)	Chamakh(80)	Park	Djourou	Santos	Fabianski
Sat Sept 17	Blackburn Rov	3-4	15	22,637	Szczesny	Sagna	Santos	Mertesacker	Koscielny	Song	Ramsey	Arteta	Arshavin	Gervinho	van Persie	Djourou(52)	Walcott(64)	Chamakh(76)	Coquelin	Benayoun	Gibbs	Fabianski
Sat Sept 24	Bolton W			3pm																		
Sun Oct 2	Tottenham H			4pm																		
Sun Oct 16	Sunderland			1.30pm																		
Sun Oct 23	Stoke City			1.30pm																		
Sat Oct 29	Chelsea			12.45pm																		
Sat Nov 5	West Brom			3pm																		
Sat Nov 19	Norwich City			12.45pm																		
Sat Nov 26	Fulham			5.30pm																		
Sat Dec 3	Wigan Athletic			3pm																		
Sat Dec 10	Everton			3pm																		
Sat Dec 17	Man City			3pm																		
Wed Dec 21	Aston Villa			7.45pm																		
Mon Dec 26	Wolves			3pm																		
Sat Dec 31	QPR			3pm																		
Mon Jan 2	Fulham			3pm																		
Sat Jan 14	Swansea City			3pm																		
Sat Jan 21	Man Utd			3pm																		
Tue Jan 31	Bolton W			8pm																		
Sat Feb 4	Blackburn Rov			3pm																		
Sat Feb 11	Sunderland			3pm																		
Sat Feb 25	Tottenham H			3pm																		
Sat Mar 3	Liverpool			3pm																		
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Sat Mar 17	Everton			3pm																		
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Sat Apr 7	Man City			3pm																		
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Sat Apr 21	Chelsea			3pm																		
Sat Apr 28	Stoke City			3pm																		
Sat May 5	Norwich City			3pm																		

DATE	OPPONENTS	S	R	ATT/KO	TEAM	SUBS
Tue Sep 20	Shrewsbury Town	3-1	3	46,539	Fabianski	Ryo (72) ¹
Wed Oct 26	Fourth Round		4			Ozyakup (77) ² Aneke (90) ³
Wed Nov 30	Quarter-Final	QF				Benayoun ³ Chamberlain ³ Chamakh
Wed Jan 11	Semi-Final(1)	SF1				Frimpong ² Park ¹
Wed Jan 25	Semi-Final(2)	SF2				
Sun Feb 26	FINAL	F				



DATE	OPPONENTS	S	R	ATT/KO	TEAM	SUBS
Sat Jan 7	Third Round		3			
Wed Jan 18	Third Round (R)		3R			
Sat Jan 28	Fourth Round		4			
Wed Feb 8	Fourth Round (R)		4R			
Sat Feb 18	Fifth Round		5			
Wed Mar 7	Fifth Round (R)		5R			
Sat Mar 17	Quarter-Final		QF			
Wed Mar 28	Quarter-Final (R)		QFR			
Sat Apr 14	Semi-Final		SF			
Sat May 5	FINAL		F			



DATE	OPPONENTS	S	R	ATT/KO	TEAM	SUBS
Tue Aug 16	Udinese	1-0	P01	58,159	Szczesny	Djourou(46) ^{1,2} Jenkinson(55) ² Frimpong(73) ³
Wed Aug 24	Udinese	2-1	P02	25,687	Szczesny	Rosicky(46) ¹ Traore(86) ² Arshavin(90) ³
Tue Sep 13	B'sia Dortmund	1-1	M1	75,000	Szczesny	Frimpong(76) ¹ Chamakh(84) ² Santos(84) ³
Wed Sep 28	Olympiacos		M2	7.45pm		
Wed Oct 19	Marseille		M3	7.45pm		
Tue Nov 1	Marseille		M4	7.45pm		
Wed Nov 23	B'sia Dortmund		M5	7.45pm		
Tue Dec 6	Olympiacos		M6	7.45pm		
T/W Feb 14/15/21/22	Knock-out (1)		KO1			
T/W Mar 6/7/13/14	Knock-out (2)		KO2			
T/W Mar 27/28	Quarter-Final(1)		QF1			
T/W Apr 3/4	Quarter-Final(2)		QF2			
T/W Apr 17/18	Semi-Final(1)		SF1			
T/W Apr 24/25	Semi-Final(2)		SF2			
Sat May 19	FINAL		F			



appearances, goals & discipline

	PREM	UCL	FAC	CC	TOTAL
Robin van Persie	5(1)	2(2)	-	-	7(3)
Andrey Arshavin	5(1) 1	+1	-	-	5+1(1) 1
Wojciech Szczesny	5 1	3	-	-	8 1
Aaron Ramsey	5	2	-	-	7
Laurent Koscielny	5 1	2	-	-	7 1
Bacary Sagna	4	3 1	-	-	7 1
Theo Walcott	3+2(1) 1	3(2)	-	-	6+2(3) 1
Emmanuel Frimpong	2+1 1	1+2	-	1	4+3 1
Gervinho	2(1) 1	3	-	-	5(1) 1
Mikel Arteta	2(1) 1	1	-	-	3(1) 1
Alex Song	2 1	3	-	-	5 1

	PREM	UCL	FAC	CC	TOTAL
Thomas Vermaelen	2 1	2	-	-	4 1
Carl Jenkinson	2 1	1+1	-	1	4+1 1
Tomas Rosicky	2 1	1+1	-	-	3+1 1
Per Mertesacker	2	1	-	-	3
Kieran Gibbs	2 1	2	-	1(1)	5(1) 1
Johan Djourou	1+2 2	1+1	-	1	3+3 2
Francis Coquelin	1+1	-	-	1	2+1
Andre Santos	1	+1	-	-	1+1
Armand Traore	1	+1	-	-	1+1
Samir Nasri	1	-	-	-	1
Marouane Chamakh	+3(1)	1+1	-	1	2+4(1)

KEY + = Substitute appearances Goals = in brackets X = Yellow Cards X = Red Cards (cards from UCL Play-off have been scratched)

	PREM	UCL	FAC	CC	TOTAL
Henri Lansbury	+2 1	-	-	-	+2 1
Yossi Benayoun	+1	1	-	1(1)	2+1(1)
Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain	+1	-	-	1(1)	1+1(1)
Ignasi Miquel	+1	-	-	1	1+1
Nicklas Bendtner	+1	-	-	-	+1
Lukasz Fabianski	-	-	-	1	1
Ju Young Park	-	-	-	1	1
Chuks Aneke	-	-	-	+1	+1
Ryo Miyaichi	-	-	-	+1	+1
Oguzhan Ozyakup	-	-	-	+1	+1

Fan's Thoughts



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Final Word

IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO WRITE FOR THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



A lot of people see jobs as labouring towards a paycheck and middling into a life of quiet desperation, with hobbies existing as an blissful escape into whatever passion compels you forward. As an American several hours behind UK time, my weekend hobbyjob begins at the crack of dawn: I get up, brew some coffee, read the news, and go and kiss my sleeping roommate on the forehead like he was my own child (and hope he wasn't awake to sense it), head downstairs and clock in with the Clock End. It might be difficult for some the grasp that spectating could be a 'job'. Watching someone else physically exert themselves is hardly effort in the traditional sense.

But gradually the consistency of showing up to the couch each weekend (or midweek, as the case may be), strongly corded emotional connections start forming between you and players who don't speak your language, who don't know you and probably never will; I get into one way arguments with Arsène, harangue midfielders for quality control issues, complain to forwards about productivity, and have anxious talks with our defenders about diminishing returns.

But it's not all sorrow of course. The Pavlovian response to a goal sends a starburst of pleasure through me and I race circles around the room like an overstimulated dog. The anticipation of a rivalry match adds an extra buoyancy

to my outlook all week. Superlative strikes and glorious victories tide me over in ways that intimate interpersonal connections often fail to achieve.

I've caught flack before for not being a 'real fan', because of course I didn't win the geographic lottery to be born in the N5 of London. Instead of being able to claim a heritage, I feel I at least worked to earn my connection with the Club.

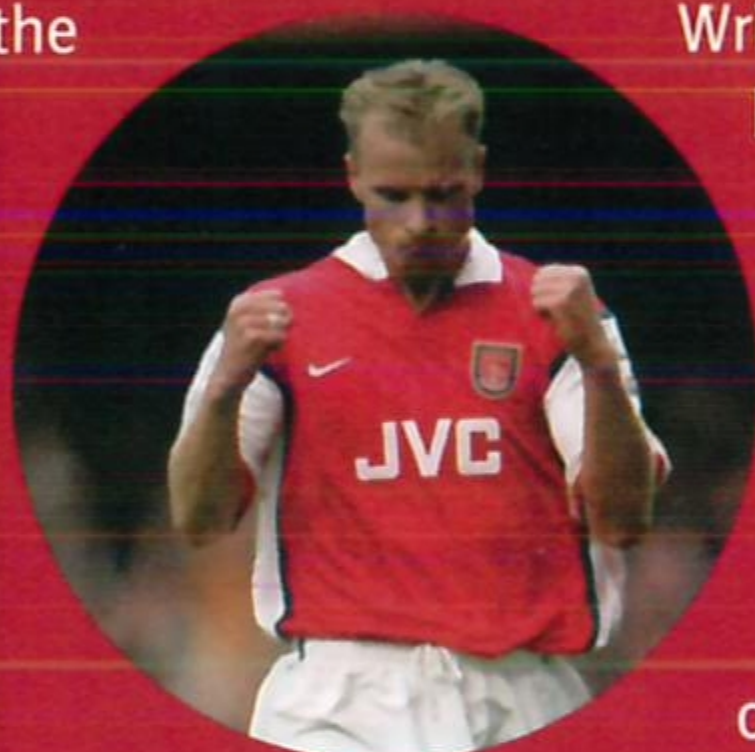
Learning about past legends, unforgettable fixtures, and songs that seem more like folk ballads now (Ian Wright! Wright! Wright!). Following blogs, twitjournos, and transfer outlets have my interests inextricably linked with the Gunners. Instead of Christmas slowly degrading from a boyhood day of splendour to an adult ritual of receiving socks and underwear, I've now been able to revert to back to unabashed happiness in receiving a new replica kit each year.

Yes, I feel like I've steeped myself into the very anthropology of the Arsenal culture. And my connection strengthens itself on those quiet, golden sunrise mornings before everyone else is up. Although I'm merely plopped down on my couch, inwardly a theatre of emotion plays out for 90 minutes with a breathless 20 minute in the middle. I feel responsible when things go wrong, joyous when right. Because Arsenal to me is like a tonic of work and play, it fizzles in me not as a quiet escape, but with passionate desperation, the stuff of life: the Arsenal.■



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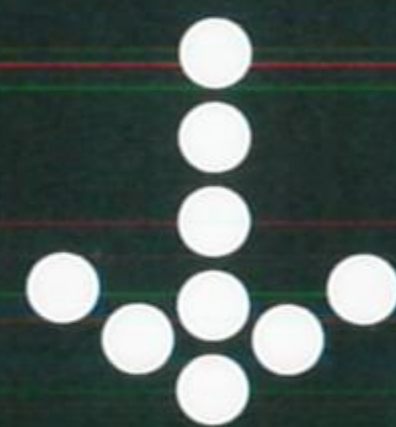
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Manager Arsène Wenger

Kit Red shirts with white sleeves,
white shorts and socks



☐	(GK) Manuel ALMUNIA	1	
☐	Abou DIABY	2	
☐	Bacary SAGNA	3	
☐	Per MERTESACKER	4	
☐	Thomas VERMAELEN	5	
☐	Laurent KOSCIELNY	6	
☐	Tomas ROSICKY	7	
☐	Mikel ARTETA	8	
☐	Ju Young PARK	9	
☐	Robin VAN PERSIE	10	
☐	Andre SANTOS	11	
☐	(GK) Wojciech SZCZESNY	13	
☐	Theo WALCOTT	14	
☐	Alex OXLADE-CHAMBERLAIN	15	
☐	Aaron RAMSEY	16	
☐	Alex SONG	17	
☐	Sebastien SQUILLACI	18	
☐	Jack WILSHERE	19	
☐	Johan DJOUROU	20	
☐	(GK) Lukasz FABIANSKI	21	
☐	Andrey ARSHAVIN	23	
☐	(GK) Vito MANNONE	24	
☐	Carl JENKINSON	25	
☐	Emmanuel FRIMPONG	26	
☐	GERVINHO	27	
☐	Kieran GIBBS	28	
☐	Marouane CHAMAKH	29	
☐	Yossi BENAYOUN	30	
☐	RYO Miyaichi	31	
☐	Chuks ANEKE	34	
☐	Francis COQUELIN	39	
☐	Ignasi MIQUEL	49	
☐	Oguzhan OZYAKUP	53	



TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE

Mark Clattenburg

ASSISTANT REFEREES

S Beck, S Child

FOURTH OFFICIAL

A D'Urso

OTHER FIXTURES TODAY

3pm kick-off

unless stated

Chelsea v Swansea City

Liverpool v Wolves

Man City v Everton

(12.45pm)

Newcastle United v

Blackburn Rovers

Stoke City v Man United

(5.30pm)

West Brom v Fulham

Wigan Athletic v

Tottenham



BOLTON WANDERERS

Manager Owen Coyle

Kit Black shirts, shorts and socks

☐	1	Adam BOGDAN (GK)	☐
☐	2	Gretar STEINSSON	☐
☐	3	Marcos ALONSO	☐
☐	4	Paul ROBINSON	☐
☐	5	Gary CAHILL	☐
☐	6	Fabrice MUAMBA	☐
☐	7	Chris EAGLES	☐
☐	8	Stuart HOLDEN	☐
☐	9	TUNCAY Sanli	☐
☐	10	Martin PETROV	☐
☐	11	Ricardo GARDNER	☐
☐	12	Zat KNIGHT	☐
☐	14	Kevin DAVIES	☐
☐	15	Tyrone MEARS	☐
☐	16	Mark DAVIES	☐
☐	17	Ivan KLASNIC	☐
☐	18	Sam RICKETTS	☐
☐	19	Nigel REO-COKER	☐
☐	20	Robbie BLAKE	☐
☐	21	Darren PRATLEY	☐
☐	22	Jussi JAASKELAINEN (GK)	☐
☐	23	Sean DAVIS	☐
☐	24	David NGOG	☐
☐	25	Dedryck BOYATA	☐
☐	26	Rob LANTON (GK)	☐
☐	27	Chung-Yong LEE	☐
☐	28	Gael KAKUTA	☐
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